

# Grayling Community Avalanche

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## Complete First Unit at Kirtland

The completion of the first phase of the building program on Dec. 20, Kirtland began moving into the new building. Machines and equipment arrived and are on and during the holidays arranged in order. The building will be transferred from the administration to the complete unit in the first ready for the students they return from the holidays. It should be noted that the building has been completed in eight months despite the two months used by the strike of the trades.

Occupational studies building is scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1969 and the other buildings for completion at various dates with final occupancy in the fall of 1970.

Along with these buildings will be construction of a garage and repair area and private subson to the administration. The school is presently being sought to construct an art gallery in the center of the campus for the use of the citizens in the college district.

It is hoped that with the completion of this phase of construction Kirtland can truly become the community college offering its facilities for use by the school districts in the area and other worthy organizations.

## Christmastide Services

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion  
Dec. 25—Christmas Day: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Mass

### ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion  
Dec. 25—Young people's party at the church, 7 p.m.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve: 9 p.m. Watch service, with midnight Lord's Supper and prayer meeting. Also young people's party 9 p.m. at the Jerry McEvers home.

### MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 Candlelight, caroling and communion worship  
Dec. 25—Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. Worship Service

### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 6:30 p.m. Worship Service  
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve: 9 p.m. Watch Night program.

### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the Michelson Memorial Church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The community is invited to share in this glad celebration of the birth of the Christ child.



## The first Noel...

May the spirit of the first Christmas light your life and bring you everlasting joy. To one and all we're sending a wish for a wonderful holiday... brimming with laughter and good cheer for you and your family. Let gifts and gladness be yours in abundance.

## THE AVALANCHE AND STAFF

### Announce Hours at License Plates Office

The Secretary of State's office for license plates will not be open Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. Starting January 8, and every Wednesday until after the Feb. 28 deadline, the license plate office will open at 11:30 a.m. and remain open during noon hour and until 6 p.m. for those who have only the noon hour or after 4:30 to purchase license plates. This is on Wednesday only, Jan. 8 through Feb. 28, the office is open continuously from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Lora Gould

### Meet Our New Teachers

New to the staff at Grayling High School this year is Ann L. Doty, who teaches English, health and girl's physical education. She also serves as the school's cheerleader advisor.

Mrs. Doty, the wife of Jay Doty, came to Grayling this year from East Jordan, where she has taught for the previous ten years. She has also had experience teaching in Denver, CO and Lake Charles, LA.

After graduating co-valedictorian from East Jordan High School in 1947, she attended Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg, MO, where she earned her B.S. degree in 1952.

Mrs. Doty has been very active in the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church camping program for the past twelve years. Her other activities include serving both as secretary and later as president of Region 14 of the Michigan Education Association. She has also served as the Region 14 Director of the National Education Association.

### What - Where - When

- Dec. 23 Handel's Messiah, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party at Moose Lodge, for members and their guests.
- Jan. 6: Kiwanis Club dinner at Women's Club Building at 6:15 p.m.
- Jan. 7: WW I Barracks No. 3388 and Auxiliary meeting at American Legion Hall starting with potluck supper at 6:30 followed by 8:00 business meeting and social hour.
- Jan. 8: Grayling Chap. No. 83, OES will meet at Masonic Temple, 8 p.m. Complete practice for initiation will follow regular meeting. Please note change in date.
- Jan. 11: RLDS Bake Sale at Burns Hardware 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Enrollment at Moose Lodge at 2:00 p.m. in memory of Fred Carr. Dinner will follow.
- Jan. 13: Grayling Chap. No. 28, Michigan State Employees Association, will meet at Chief Shoppemans Motor Hotel at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14: Silver Tops Sr. Citizens Club meeting, 8:30 potluck supper, elementary school, games of chance to follow.
- Jan. 15: Initiation ceremony, Grayling Chap. No. 83 OES at Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.



## Christmas Diorama

The students and staff of Kirtland Community College have spent several weeks designing and constructing a Christmas Diorama depicting the true meaning of Christmas as well as the more modern interpretation of the season. The diorama can be viewed every night at the campus. The public is invited to view them at its leisure during the holiday season through January 5. J. P. Ryan of the business department, Duane Bastian of the art department and Stan Evers of the electronics department and especially the students of each of these areas are to be congratulated on a splendid display.

## Special Notice!

Walter A. Sahli, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the State of Michigan, advises that all aliens, as well as employers, should be cautioned that the issuance of a Social Security account card to an alien is not evidence of permission from the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the alien to work in the United States. Only those aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (immigrants) and those aliens temporarily in the United States (non-immigrants) who have been authorized by the Service to take employment may work in this country. Aliens working in the United States in violation of law may be subject to certain penalties.

### Moore Named to Legion Committee

Alvin H. Moore, 705 Plum, Grayling, Michigan, has been appointed to the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee of the American Legion. Mr. Moore received notification of his appointment in a letter from National Commander, William C. Doyle.

His appointment was approved by the Legion's National Executive Committee during a recent meeting at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Moore was nominated by National Commander Doyle for the appointment upon the recommendation of American Legion Department of Michigan, officials in recognition of the services he has rendered to his Post and the American Legion of Michigan.

Lt. Col. Michael P. Corlew arrived home Dec. 13 from Vietnam to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Corlew. Mike reports to Camp Lejeune, N.C. on January 6 for the remainder of his military service.

## Run Over Rams 87-56

## Vikings In First Place

No doubt about it. The Grayling Vikings with an 87 to 56 romp over the Harbor Springs Rams last Friday night, took over sole possession of first place in the Northern Lower Michigan League.

Going into the game, both teams were tied for first place, but after the first quarter the handwriting was there as to the outcome. The Vikings took the first period 22-14 and were never challenged the rest of the way. Grayling outscored the visitors 21-15, 23-9 and 22-18 in the other three periods.

A balanced scoring attack

from Coach St. Germain's starting five proved too much for the Rams as all five hit in double figures. Bruce Burkett again led the Vikings as he scored 19 points on 9-1. Mike Smock tallied 16 on 6-4, with Allen Lowe and Vern Hartman coming through with 14 each and Gerry St. Germain adding 12.

Other Vikings hitting the meshes were M. Tobin with 4, Mike Kurcharek, Wes Hayes, Butch Hayes and Louie Neilson all having two points each.

The Harbor Rams had two players in double figures as Fred Troup hit for 18 and John Kenoshmeg tallied 11.

The Vikings are now in their Christmas vacation break, but Coach St. Germain said he plans to hold practice during the time off to keep the boys sharp. Grayling's first game in the new year will be at Onaway near on Jan. 3.

Coach Frank Smith's JV's ran into a good Harbor JV squad and bowed to the little Rams 65-52. What really hurt the local JV's was the fact they lost four of their starting five on personal fouls.

Jim Tobin with 18 points on 6-6 and Tim Mead with 15 on 6-3 were the only two local cagers in double figures. Also scoring for the little Vikings were Bill Millikin and Doug White with six points each. Murray Babbitt had four, Larry Neilson two and Bill Weideman with one.

In the game with the Red Devils at East Jordan last Tuesday evening the Vikings held a 30 to 25 lead at halftime and then in the second half lowered the boom on the Devils as they scored 41 points to East Jordan's 16 to win going away.

In other Northern Lower Michigan League action on Tuesday the Harbor Springs Rams kept pace with the Vikings for the league lead as they shot down the Onaway Cardinals 76-49. Petoskey St. Francis dealt the Pellston Hornets their second league defeat 52-43, and the Mancelona Ironmen won a close one from Kalkaska 49-46 to drop the Blazers into last place.

Coach Tom St. Germain's Vikings were again led by Bruce Burkett as he poured in 22 points on 9-4.

Vern Hartman with 15 points on 7-1 and Mike Smock with 11 on 5-1 were also in double figures for the Vikings. Rounding out the scoring for the green and white had Allen Lowe with 9 on 3-3; Gerry St. Germain canned 8 on 4 buckets, with Dale Papendick, Louie Neilson and Brad Scher with 2 each.

The East Jordan Red Devils (See Vikings on Page 4)

## The Good Samaritan

By Wayne Clark

It was Christmas time, two days before the public opening of a new food and lodging building called the "Polyhedron Lodge" at Bear Mountain, a winter sports recreation area, located near Grayling in northern Michigan, when Donald G. Frick, senior district manager, DuBois Chemicals, Division of W. R. Grace & Company, walked into their newly installed kitchen to talk with Bob Spears, manager of the kitchen and dining room, about how his company's products were proving out. Suddenly he realized he was in the middle of mass confusion and a very unusual situation.

To begin with, the new food and lodging building is but one of many projects at Bear Mountain which has been instigated by the Grayling Community Recreation Area, Inc., (a non-profit organization), operating under the direction of its president, Lewis Stillwagon.

Under an area development program, involving a federal loan of \$25,000 and an additional \$175,000 invested by interested community residents, one of the primary purposes of the expansion (See Samaritan on Page 12)

## Heska to Head Masonic Lodge

The Grayling Lodge No. 356, F&AM held their installation of the officers for the coming year on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Masonic Temple.

The following were installed: Worshipful Master, Jerome Heska; senior warden, Duane Hall; junior warden, Charles C. Knowles; treasurer, Floyd G. Millikin; secretary, Shirley Arnold; senior deacon, Charles Fick; junior deacon, Marvel Zimmerman; tyler, Rex McMillan; chaplain, James Failing; marshal, Don Sorenson; and stewards, Elmer Fenton, Leonard Gezequel, Robert Houghton, and Alvin Critcher. The next regular meeting will be Jan. 2.

## Please Note

For the Jan. 2 issue the Avalanche will again publish early, on Monday, Dec. 30. Copy must be in by this Friday, Dec. 27.

## Stephanie Invites Snowmobilers Here Jan. 4-5



Stephanie Raybold, Miss Grayling 1968, gives a smile of welcome to all the snowmobilers coming to Grayling for a snowmobiling fun on Jan. 4 and 5. The first of many Grayling winter guided snowmobile trails will take place Saturday, Jan. 4. The safaris will begin at 10:00 a.m. from the snowmobiling area at the Grayling recreation area.

The site of the oval race course and obstacle course and all classes of snowmobiles will be racing. The events will be starting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Pre-race attractions will feature the snowmobile aerobatic team, The Heat's Ski'doo Jump Team of Richmond, Michigan. Their exhibition will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 5, at the race course.



GOLDEN HELMET PRESENTATION—John Marshall, Day City Times area education manager, presents the Coca-Cola Golden Helmet Award to Elmer Fenton, Grayling High School principal, who accepts on behalf of the school on Allen Lowe, who earned the award by being named Class C area Player of the Year, looks on. The presentation was made of half-time of the Viking-Harbor Rams game. The trophy is displayed in the trophy case at the gym.

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## Christmas Greetings



HOERL'S Decorating Shop



# GREETINGS

The beauty and spirit of the season brings to mind most wonderful gifts... friendship, loyalty and good will. We thank you for yours and wish you a Merry Christmas.

DAVIS GROCERY  
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## Pretty Gift Wrappings Can Be Saved

## Cardboard Castle Is Easy to Make

"Too pretty to throw away." On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, as beautifully-wrapped packages are opened, this remark is likely to be often repeated. Though the gift wrappings do indeed seem "too pretty to throw away," they must usually be consigned to the wastebasket. After all, what can be done with used gift wraps, once Christmas is over?

One answer might be: build a castle!

Save the most beautiful and colorful of the gift wrappings, find some laundry cardboards, follow a simple plan — and the result is a cardboard castle.

Suggested by a manufacturer of gift wrapping papers, this castle-building plan might be a Christmas-afternoon project for the

children. After the first gift-exchange excitement is over, youngsters may appreciate a quiet pastime, and the cardboard castle offers an extra advantage in that it's as much fun to take apart as it is to build. The castle can be assembled and reassembled many times.

Although the plan is simple, adult guidance may be required — or at least, the adults can pretend that it is, so they can get in on the fun.

Scissors, a ruler and rubber cement are the only equipment required, in addition to the gift wraps and cardboards.

Begin by cutting 24 pieces of cardboard, each five inches by seven inches. Cement gift wraps to each side and trim the edges.

To make Type "A" cards, cut one and one-quarter inch slits in 22 of the cards. Each card should have six slits, and the slits should be placed as follows: one slit on each side of the card, at the

edge; two slits on each seven-inch side of the card, with each such slit placed one and a quarter inches from the outer edge.

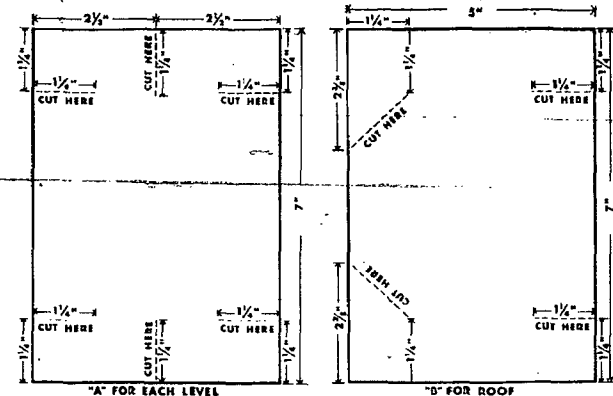
For the remaining two Type "B" cards, the slits can be omitted on the five-inch side. Two slits should be cut as described on one seven-inch side of the card. On the other seven-inch side, the slits should be diagonal — placed two and a quarter inches from the outer edge and cut on a slant to two and one-eighth inch depth.

Assemble the castle by joining Type "A" cards at right angles, alternating pairs. At intervals, insert cards horizontally for an interesting, balconied effect.

Reserve two Type "A" cards for roof.

Use Type "B" cards at top of castle, where the slanted notches will receive the Type "A" roof pieces.

See illustrations accompanying this article, for sketched plan, and photograph of completed castle.



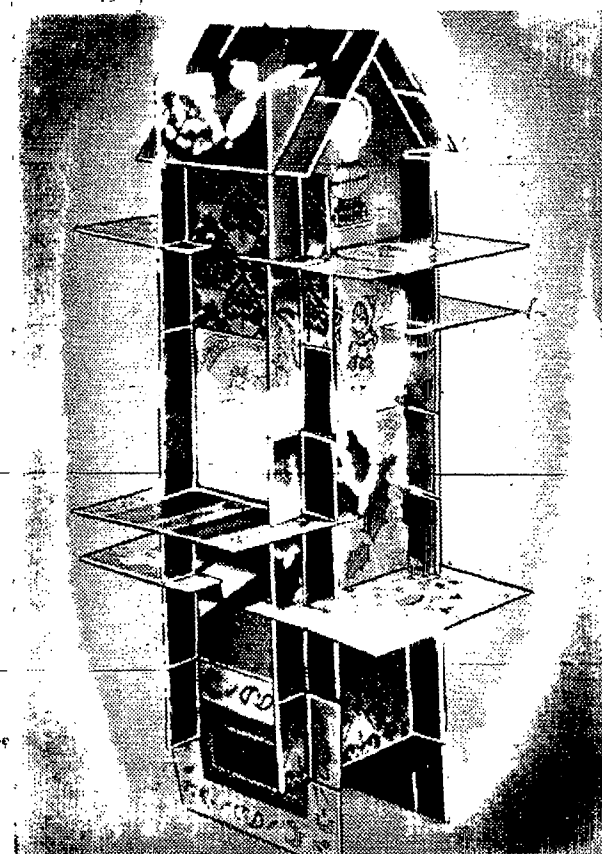
SKETCHES SHOW HOW TO PREPARE cardboards, covered with gift wraps, for building a cardboard castle. Follow measurements, cutting slits wherever dotted lines appear. Join Type "A" cards at right angles, occasionally inserting cards horizontally. Type "B" cards go at top of castle, where slanted notches hold two "A" cards.



# GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the fulfillment of all your dreams for Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

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CARDBOARD CASTLE, MERRILY COLORFUL, GROWS from left-over Christmas gift wraps and laundry cardboards. Castle, pictured above, can be built from five-by-seven inch pieces of cardboard, to which gift wraps have been rubber-cemented. For directions, see sketches at upper left. Photo courtesy Norcross Design Studio.

Now In Season

## Quick Southern Pecan Pie

1 cup sugar 3 well beaten eggs  
1/4 cup melted butter 1 cup pecans  
1/2 cup corn syrup 1 unbaked pie shell  
Mix sugar, syrup and butter, add eggs and pecans. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer. Serve either hot or cold. Decorate pie with pecan halves as a border. As an added delight, top with slightly sweetened whipped cream.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We wish to extend our warmest holiday greetings to all the wonderful people in our town who make day-to-day business a special pleasure. Heartfelt thanks for your loyal trust and support. Merry Christmas.

Jack Minikin Construction Co.

# PEACE AND JOY

May the Star that blazed in the heavens on the night of His birth shine upon you and yours at Christmas, bringing you a full measure of peace, joy and happiness. To all our friends we send our warmest greetings for a happy holiday season filled with laughter, good times and good cheer. We appreciate your kind and loyal patronage.



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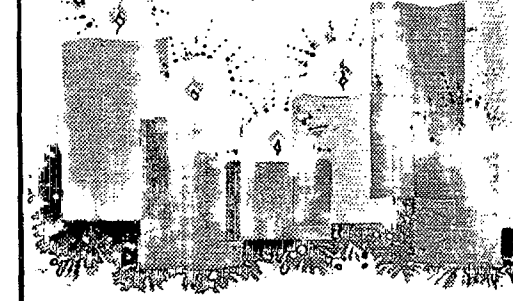
# GREETINGS

To our fine patrons, sincere thanks, and warmest greetings to your and yours for a Merry Christmas.

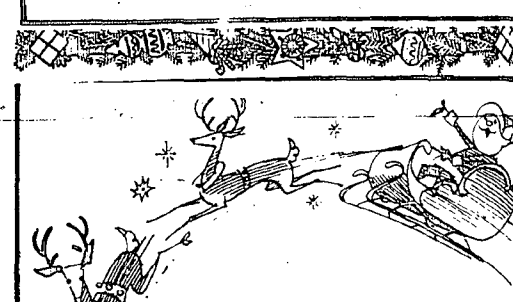
GRAYLING PHARMACY

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Like the glow of the candle, happiness lights this Christmas season. May it shine for you every hour!

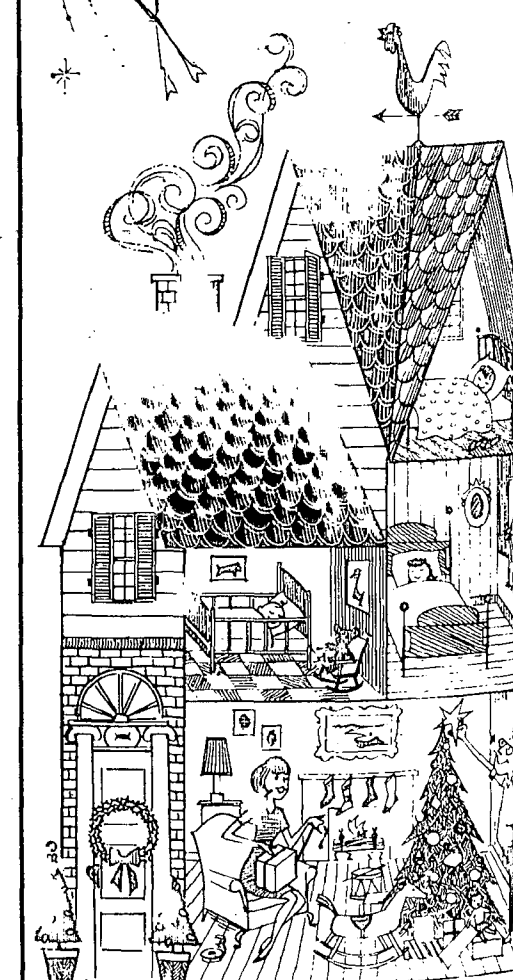


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# To wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

Deck your homes with mounds of holly, trim the tree with care... for 'tis the merry season of Christmas. Many heartfelt thanks for your friendly good will. We're proud to be able to serve you.



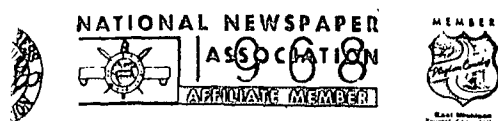
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Lon and Marg Qualls  
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ist, the Saviour



HOLD THE MIRACLE of Christmas. "The Adoration of the Kings" from a 15th-century illuminated manuscript, "Hours of the Virgin," now in The Pierpont Morgan Library.



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### Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1945

Pvt. Robert E. Bennett, Michigan Avenue, Grayling, has enlisted at Fort Sheridan in the regular Army. Private Bennett holds the Victory Medal of this war.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson of Mackinac City announce the marriage of their daughter, Fay Elaine to S. J. Robert F. Bovee son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bovee of Plymouth. Fay is in her senior year at Central Michigan College of Education and is a member of the Delta Omicron Sorority. Bovee attended both Rensselaer College and Central Michigan. The candlelight service took place at the First Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant on December 12 at 8:00.

Miss Louise McCormick, who is employed in Detroit, is spending her vacation with relatives in Lovell.

Ken Burkhardt has sold 1/2 a lot of his town property to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cook. They will erect a new home there in the spring.

Mrs. Frank Barber arrived at her home in Roscommon this week after spending a month with her son and family, the Clarence Barbers in Farmington and several days at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and children and Mrs. Harry Williams left Sunday to spend Christmas in Chicago with the J. Berle Bond family. Mrs. Williams plans to stay in Chicago for a while. The Bonds plan to spend a few days with Mrs. Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Taylor in Olivet on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cady have returned to their home in Merrill after spending five weeks as guests of the Callahans.

Mrs. J. E. Bugby and daughter, Jane, and father Jerry Sherman, drove to Ludington last Friday to meet Bugby, then proceeded on to Mt. Pleasant where Eleanor joined the group and they returned to Grayling. Bugby and Eleanor are spending the holidays here.

Morden Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Post of Frederic is once again enjoying civilian life after serving in the Army overseas for several years.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Mrs. Ella Wilcox and little Nancy are spending the holidays in Saginaw with the Richard Snyder family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and son, Bub, spent Christmas with Milnes' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnes and their daughter, Cadet Nurse Jane Milnes in Detroit.

Miss Gloria Moore is home from Traverse City to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore.

Miss Barbara Ann Borchers is home from Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport entertained many of their friends Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

Miss Mildred Smith has arrived home from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jappe Smith.

Miss Faith Nolan spent Christmas with her mother.

Lt. and Mrs. Hugh Cook of Tyler, Texas, spent the weekend with his brother, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell.

The Joseph Stripes left Wednesday to spend the rest of the holiday season with relatives in Marquette and other points. Wesley Kumpula, principal of the Grayling schools returned home from Traverse City hospital Sunday almost completely recovered from his recent illness. He will be back in school after the holidays.

Captain Leonard Knubbs is spending the holidays in Roscommon with his sister, Mrs. Fritz Bertl, and visiting old friends in Grayling. Capt. Knubbs has served four and one half years in the Army, 39 months of which were spent in the Pacific.

Miss Mary Jane Joseph of Washington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph. Miss Marie Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson held open house for many of their friends Christmas Eve.

James Huntington of Lansing is also a guest for that time. Mrs. Alvin Burch of Traverse City was a guest Christmas day.

The Chester Lozons have a new son, Ernest Dale, born Dec. 21, at Mercy Hospital. The little fellow weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz.

T/3 William Joseph arrived home Friday, after being discharged at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Thursday. William served with the Headquarters 12th Replacement Depot three years and nine months with one year and nine months being spent overseas. He is authorized to wear the Victory Medal, The American Theater Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, the ETO Ribbon, three Overseas Bars, One Service Stripe, and the Good Conduct Medal.

46 YEARS AGO —

Dec. 28, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. M. Brenner and family left the middle part of last week for Detroit, where they attended the wedding of Miss Myrtle Gossell, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gossell, which took place on Thursday.

Little Miss Aannabel Brenner acted as ring bearer for the bride. The Gossells were former residents of Lewiston and are well known in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw, Miss Wilda Failing of Bay City, and Percy Failing who is attending the University of Michigan spent Christmas in the city visiting their mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing and other relatives. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson. Miss Wilda Failing returned to Bay City Tuesday accompanied by her mother who will spend a few days there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keyport of Bay City spent Christmas at the home of their son, Dr. C. R. Keyport and family.

A Christmas tree and banquet were enjoyed Sunday night by Messrs. C. B. Olevarius, John Bruun, Henry and Vincent Grandjean, C. W. Olson and sister Miss Anna Olsen. The affair was held in the front parlors of the Board of Trade rooms and was a real enjoyable affair. There was a beautiful Christmas tree and the floor beneath held many packages of Yuletide gifts, remembrances from friends abroad as well as from many here at home. Also there were stacks of letters and greetings from all over the U.S. and from many foreign lands. In the front parlors was a table spread with white linen and covered with silver and china and presenting a menu well befitting the festive occasion.

Mrs. Earl Dawson is making preparations to move their household furniture to Traverse City where Dawson has charge of a branch store of the Great A & P Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Barber are spending the holidays visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Barber of Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson left for Detroit Saturday to spend the holidays, as guests of their daughter, Miss Elsie Jorgenson, who is employed in that city.

Colburn Charlefour who is attending Ferris Institute is spending the holidays visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Charlefour.

Misses Mildred and Clara Gierke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gierke, of Manistique returned to their home after spending Christmas at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Chalker are enjoying as their guests Mr. and Mrs. William Chalker and daughter, Beth. Chalker is now located in Saginaw and will soon move his family from Detroit to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes left Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week at the latter's old home in Clare. While they are away they expect to spend a couple days in Detroit.

### LAKE MARGRETHE WATER LEVEL

(Information furnished by U.S. Geological Survey)

Period of Record: Nov. 12, 1942 to date.  
Area of Lake: 1,920 acres at elevation, 1,135 ft. m.s.l.  
Water level, Dec. 12, 1968 1134.01 ft.  
Water level, Dec. 12, 1967 1134.17 ft.  
Maximum level for period of record, Sept. 15, 1961 1135.46 ft.  
Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1946 1133.57 ft.  
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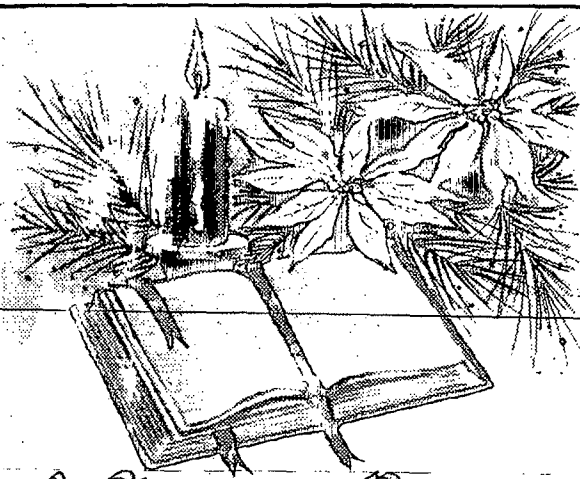
### BITS O' TALK

Kathleen Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marshall, arrived home from Northwestern Friday, Dec. 13, to spend the holidays with her parents. Another daughter, Camilla, from CMU is also home for the holidays.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 28 and reopen on Jan. 2.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dosch drove to Ludington Friday, Dec. 20, to pick up their son Mike who is home from school in Wisconsin for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jansen, Curt, David and Kay were called to Saginaw Friday due to the death of Mrs. Jansen's father, William Horn, at St. Luke's hospital. He was 73, and had been ill for about two months. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 16, from the Case Funeral Home. Don, Curt and David returned home Monday and Mrs. Jansen and Kay on Tuesday. Surviving Mr. Horn are his wife, two daughters, Elsie Jansen, and Mrs. Richard Peters of Saginaw, also seven grandchildren.



### A Christmas Prayer

May the beautiful meaning of Christmas... living through the ages to inspire men everywhere... continue to live in your own heart and mind. And may your Christmas be filled with joy.

### R & H SPORT CENTER

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107 Lake St.



### Christmas Greetings

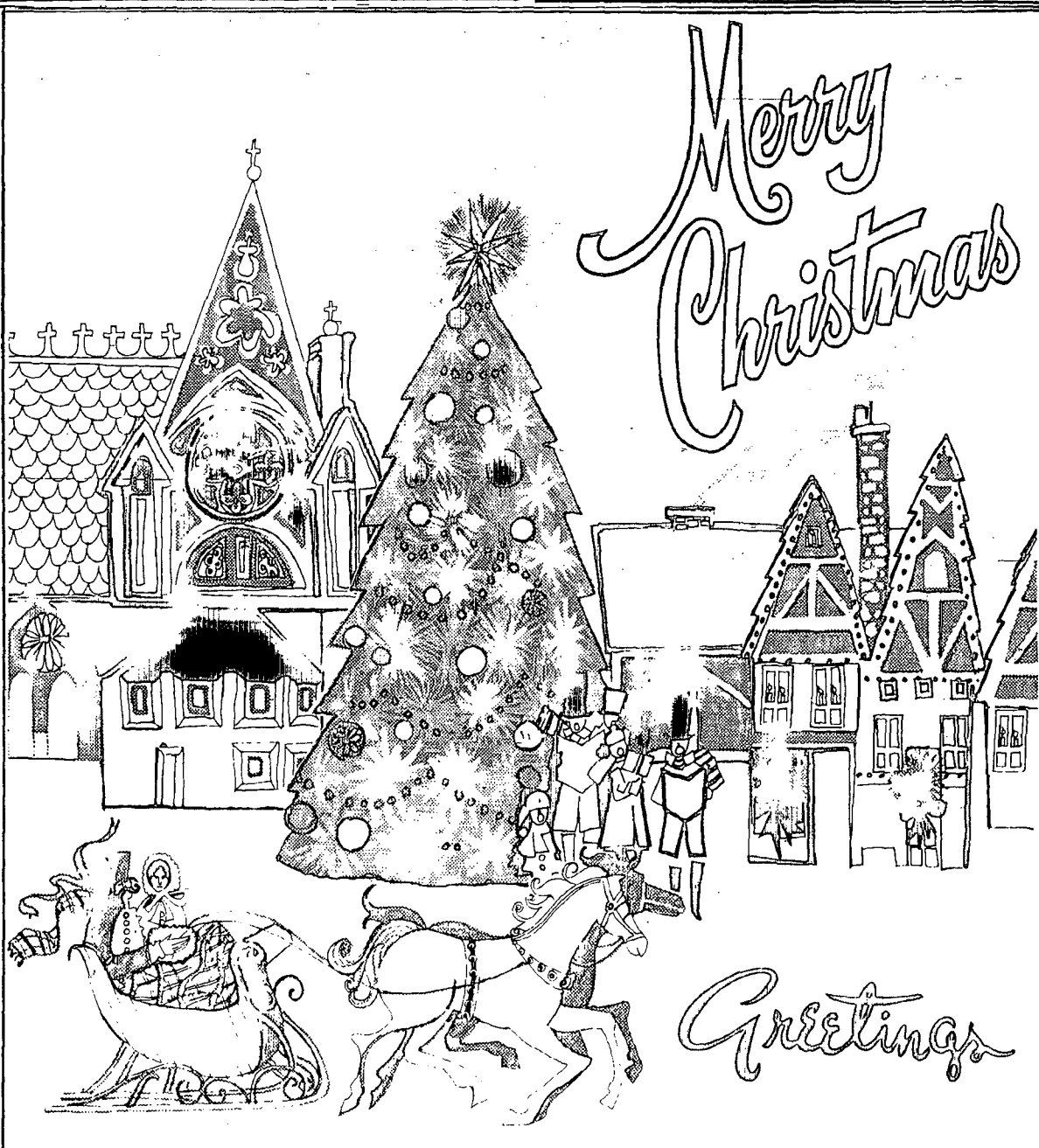
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Greetings

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### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the new management

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John, Connie and Marilyn Stamply

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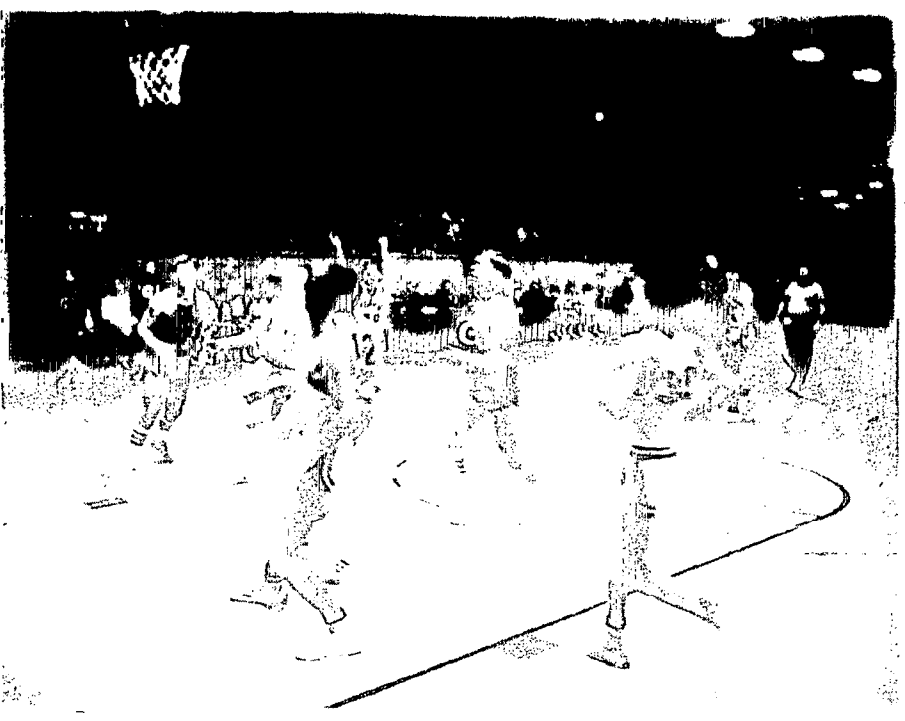
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**TWO POINTS FOR VIKINGS** — Mike Smock scores from outcourt in game with the Harbor Springs Rams as Vern Hartman, center foreground, and Bruce Burkett, at right, and Gerry St. Germain await outcome of shot. The Vikings scored an impressive 87-56 win over the Rams.

## BITS O' TALK

Bill Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus, arrived home Friday, Dec. 20, from Western Michigan U. for the holidays. Another son, Richard, student at Campion Jesuit High in Prairie du Chien, Wis., arrived home on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Charron and daughter Tracey of Marne spent the weekend visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Art O'Connor and also her grandmother Mrs. Jean Jackson. They also visited her sister Ginger Jones and family while here.

Miriam Brozo and John Brozo arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, from Northwestern College at Traverse City to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brozo.

Sears-Catalog Store will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

Mrs. Gladys O'Connor spent Wednesday evening in Luzerne visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Grant Willobee and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent from Sunday to Tuesday in Ann Arbor on business. They stopped enroute to visit Russell's brother, Cecil Wright and family in Flint. Their son, Tom Wright is home from CMU for the holidays. Another son Terry arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Gibson drove to Bay City last Saturday, Dec. 14, to pick up their daughter Deyanne, who is attending college there, and brought her home for the holidays.

Visiting at the home of Jack Mead is Mrs. Mead's mother, Mrs. Marie Bedwell of Joppa, Md., who arrived last Saturday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Mead were in Merritt Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Campbell. Expected at the Mead home for Christmas day and dinner are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mead, Mrs. Marie Bedwell, who is visiting the Jack Meads, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Mead of Houghton Lake, and Mrs. Anna Mead of Merritt.

Enjoy the Smorgasbord at the Penguin Inn every Wednesday evening, serving from 6:00 to 11:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Miller and family are planning on spending Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller and family in Davison and then they will join Mrs. Miller's parents Mr. and Mrs. Larry Plamondon in Flint for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Nelson planned to leave Tuesday to spend Christmas with Roger and Sharon Nelson in Ann Arbor. They will have a family reunion on Christmas day. On the return trip home they plan to stop and visit the Robert Nelsons at Pontiac, returning home on Saturday.

The Sam Gust's returned home Thursday from a 10-day vacation in Florida.

Guests at the home of Robert Sorenson from last Friday to Sunday were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sorenson and daughter Paula of Westland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fallon of Ypsilanti came last weekend to spend the holidays with his folks the Nels Olsons at Lake Margrethe.

Doug Berry arrived home Dec. 13 from Michigan Tech at Houghton to spend the holidays with his folks, the Stanley Berrys. The family has just completed moving to Higgins Lake after the sale of their motel. They plan to visit Stan's parents, the Arthur Berrys, for Christmas, in Deerfield.

Arthur and Joe Wakeley arrived home Wednesday from CMU to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Wakeley.

## NOTICE

All interested citizens are advised that the Michigan Department of State Highways is planning the relocation of M-72/M-66 in the Village of Kalkaska and Kalkaska County.

The proposed improvement will relocate M-72 from the present M-72/M-66 intersection, south of Kalkaska, westerly 0.8 mile to US-131. M-72 and M-66 will be rerouted along the relocation and northerly on US-131 to their present connection with US-131 at Third Street. Existing M-72/M-66 will be returned to local jurisdiction from their intersection south of Kalkaska, northerly to the present connection with US-131 at Third Street.

Under provisions of Federal Law any citizen who would be affected by the proposed plan may request in writing that the Michigan Department of State Highways hold a formal public hearing concerning the economic effect of the proposed project upon the area involved.

Such a written request should be mailed to G. Robert Adams, Public Hearings Director, Michigan Department of State Highways, Lansing, Michigan. The request must be received on or before December 30, 1968.

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## Vikings

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had two players in double figures with C. Zitka hitting for 12 and J. McWatters with 10.

St. Germain and Hartman led the Vikings on the boards with 18 and 14 rebounds respectively. Burkett chipped in with 9 and Lowe had 6.

Coach Frank Smith's JV's showed the way in the preliminary at East Jordan as they walked off with a 50 to 34 win over the little Red Devils. Three local cagers were in

double figures led by Jim with 15 on 7-1. Tim Mead, 13 on 5-3 and Murray chipped in with 11 on 5-4, hitting the scoring column.

Bill Millikin with 4, Doug Larry Nelson and Bill Namara with 2 each and Namara with 1.

The two teams wound up in the first period at 9 all, the little Vikings scoring 15-4 second quarter to lead 13 at halftime. Grayling back with a 17-11 third, with the little Red Devils the final 10-9.



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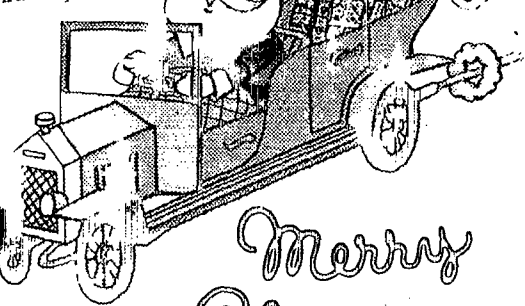
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

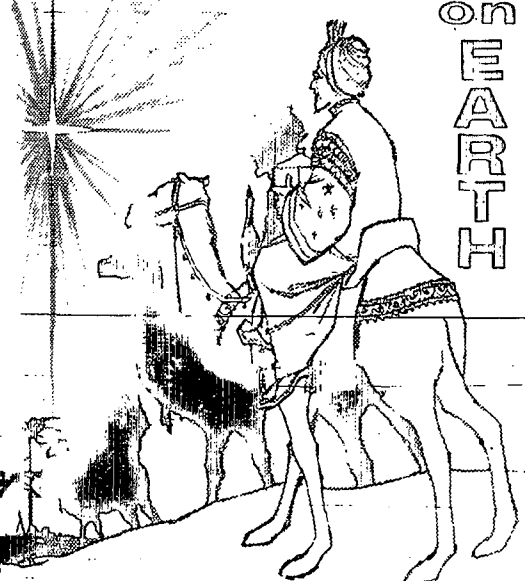
Here's hoping that Santa brings lots of good things your way! Thank you.



Merry Christmas  
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# Art, Too, Shows 'Illumination' To Light Up Christmas Scene

By ANNA MANG

**Illumination.**  
The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt"—these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

## When It Began

In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-leaf vignettes dating back to 1350 B.C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

## To Spread Learning

The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts. Monasteries of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the development of crafts, the spread of learning.

In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with

the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A.D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts—scientific treatises, for example—were also copied and illustrated.



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## How It Grew

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract, Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

## Treasured Today

In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D."

Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

# Luminaria City Lights The Way

During the holidays, Albuquerque is called Luminaria City. Millions of paper-sacks are lighted by a single candle inside. They are called Luminarias or farolitos after the Spanish who originated the custom.

Entire neighborhoods go together to "light the way for the lost Christ Child," as the Spanish tradition has it. The lights give the appearance of golden lanterns when spaced about three feet apart on the edges of the sidewalks, flat roofs and beside steps.

New Mexicans have decorated their homes at Christmas with luminarias for about 300 years. Originally New Mexicans used little bonfires of bright burning pinon and pine to light the paths of processions and festivities at Christmas. Small lanterns from Mexico were also used. It is not known who first used the paper sack luminaria, but each year the custom has spread until today they are the traditional New Mexico Christmas light.

About two inches of sand or dirt is placed in each sack, and the top of the sacks are folded down one time. Inside the sack goes a small votive candle which burns about two hours.

## RASPBERRY-PEACH COMPOTE

2 pkgs. frozen raspberries, thawed  
8 peach halves, drained  
3 egg whites  
6 tablespoons sugar  
Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in sugar until smooth and glossy. Place peaches, cut side up, in shallow baking dish; top each with a spoonful of meringue. Bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes. Place raspberries in serving dish; remove peaches carefully from dish and float on raspberries.



BELLS OF JOY... This painting by Leon Fragoso of Mexico brings to life the exuberance of the Christmas spirit. It's called "Joy Bells."

# Question: Who Put 'X' In Christmas?

Almost every year from this time on, the question comes up again—who put the "X" in Christmas, and cries such as the unchristian approach to an otherwise solemn occasion.

Actually, it's been there all the time. An X, used alone or in combination with other letters, often stands for the word "Christ," and an Episcopalian priest, explains: "This usage is quite ancient or as ancient certainly as the term 'Christmas' itself."

It isn't so much how you spell it as how you keep it that determines how blessed will be the joyous season.

## CHRISTMAS IN MIDSUMMER

In Central and South America, where the holiday comes in midsummer, Santa Claus and Christmas trees are seldom seen. But after midnight masses on Christmas Eve, or at dinner on Christmas Day, families gather to enjoy the traditional roast suckling pig and their wide assortment of desserts.



Ho-Ho-Ho and a Merry Christmas  
As jolly Santa winds his way, bringing wonderful gifts for you, we'd like to add our appreciation. Happy holidays.

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# A VERY MERRY Christmas

To faithful friends old and new, hearty thanks for your good will and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

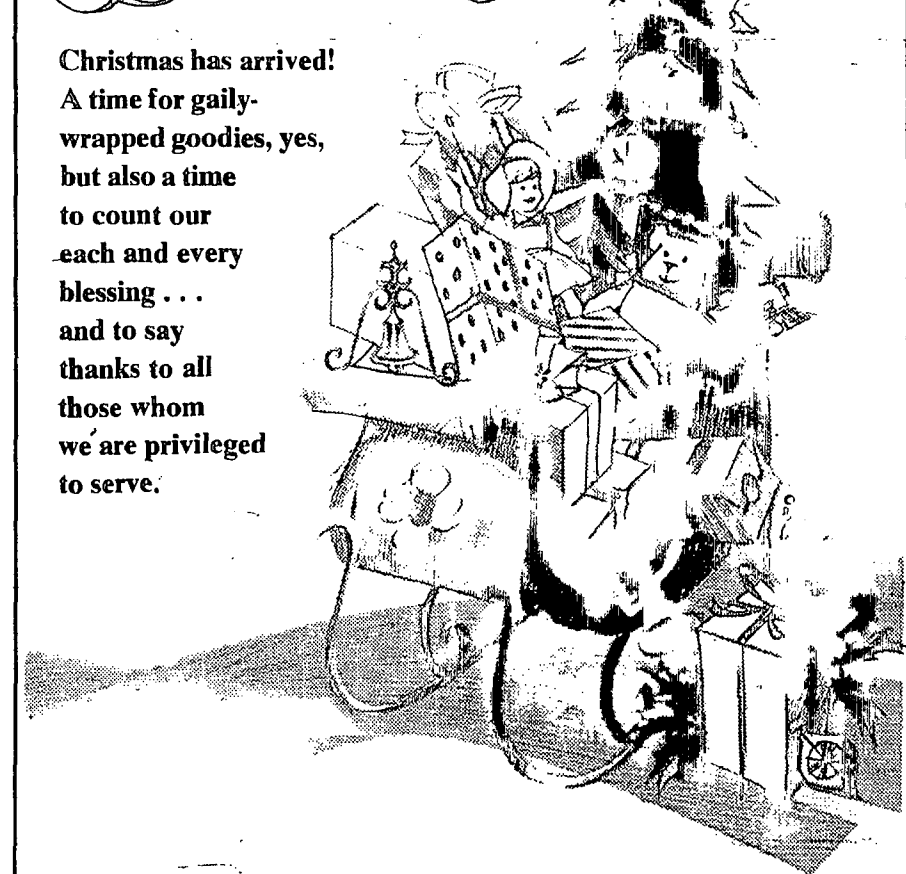
May this holiday season bestow on you every blessing and happiness. Please accept our best wishes, and may we express our gratitude to you for your loyal patronage. Thank you!

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# Greetings

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**SAN FRANCISCO**  
San Francisco's first tree was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired to a stick by a German wine proprietor.

## Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The forerunner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted

with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually sent just before

grants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His "oners conden pagan, bu"



**BOTH ELEMENTS THAT LED TO TODAY'S** Christmas tree — the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Lights pyramid — are shown in this antique Christmas card of the 1880's. The card was published by Ophacher Brothers of Munich, Germany, and is part of the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree into the White House, a forester convinced the President that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common today is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.

*Yuletide Greetings*

Wire your  
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GIFT



Sending floral arrangements by wire is a convenient way to say "Merry Christmas" to friends and family. There are many legends behind some of our favorite Christmas flowers, holly sprang up where the infant Jesus took His first steps, according to one story.

Today, flowers are a symbol of the holiday spirit and bouquets wired can convey seasons greetings to friends and family even when they're thousands of miles away. Catalogues, which are available at local florists' shops, enable you to see the bouquet you're wiring before you make your selection.

For Holidays

### Festive Cheesecake Special Treat

1 cup milk  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon salt  
1 tablespoon shortening  
2 pkgs. active dry yeast  
1 cup warm water  
1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
4 1/2 cups sifted flour  
Scald milk, add sugar, salt, and shortening; let stand until lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Combine with the milk mixture. Add cheese and flour; blend well. Cover batter and set in a warm place for 45 minutes. Stir the batter down and beat for half a minute. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole or two 9x6 loaf pans. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for one hour.



### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We're taking this opportunity to say "Hello" and to thank our customers for their patronage. Have a merry Christmas!

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## May CHRISTMAS

fill the hearts of men everywhere with the good will that its true meaning offers to all. And may the joy and blessings of that first Christmas be yours.



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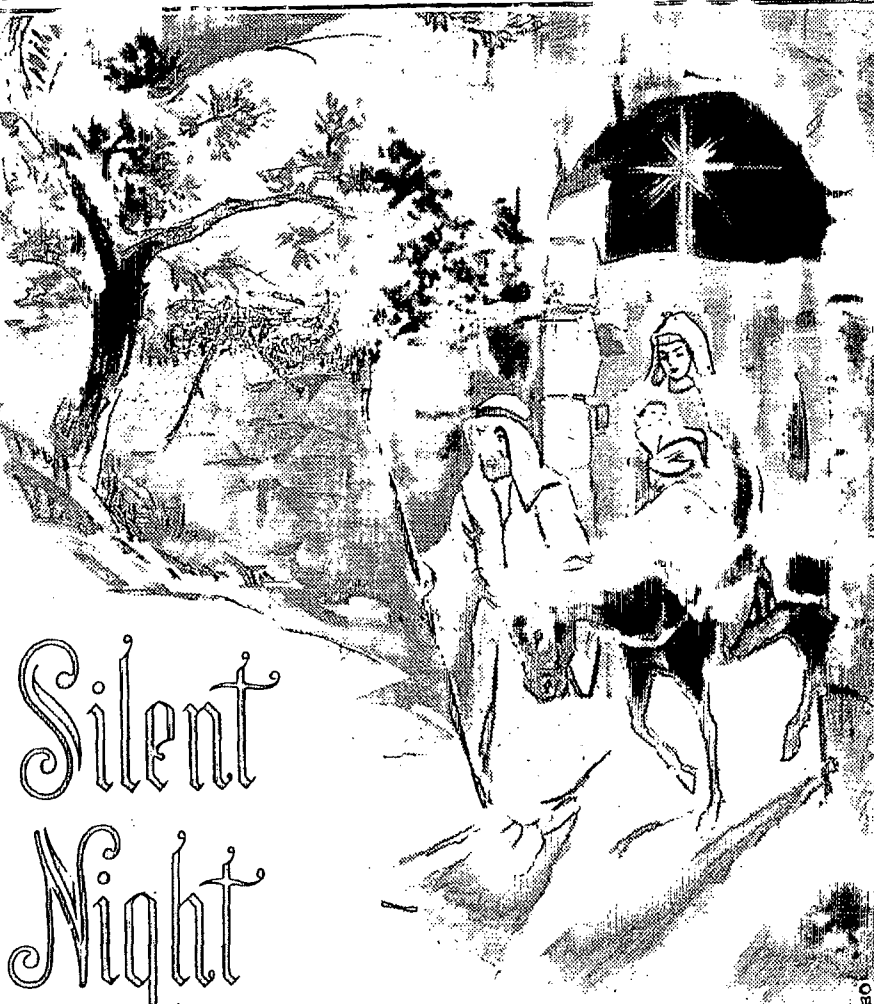
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### MERRY Christmas TO ALL!



Carolers sing the joys of Christmas... and may those joys be yours. Your generous support and trust is really appreciated. Many, many thanks!

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## Silent Night

As the story of the first Christmas unfolds in churches and homes across the land, may you and yours share in its hope for "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

**BEAR ARCHERY**  
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Never place the tree near a fireplace, smoking stand or where it may block the exit of a room. Make sure the decorations are flameproof.

### HOW TO BUY AND CARE FOR YOUR TREE

Balsam, Douglas fir, Scotch pine and white spruce are the most popular trees in the East. In the mid South it's the long-needed pine. Favorites in the West are firs and cypresses. Popularity varies from region to region.

When choosing a Christmas tree, select it for beauty, fragrance and lasting needles. Balsam and Douglas fir have those qualities. Their dark green, soft at tip needles will remain as long as two or three weeks indoors.

A Norway spruce makes an ideal outdoor Christmas tree. Indoors it has a tendency to shed rather quickly. A white spruce on the other hand is better for indoor use if it is not cut too early in the season. Its bluish-green needles distinguish it from a Norway spruce. Red pine is gaining in popularity but its needles are too soft to hold ornaments. It does, however, make good greens for decorations.

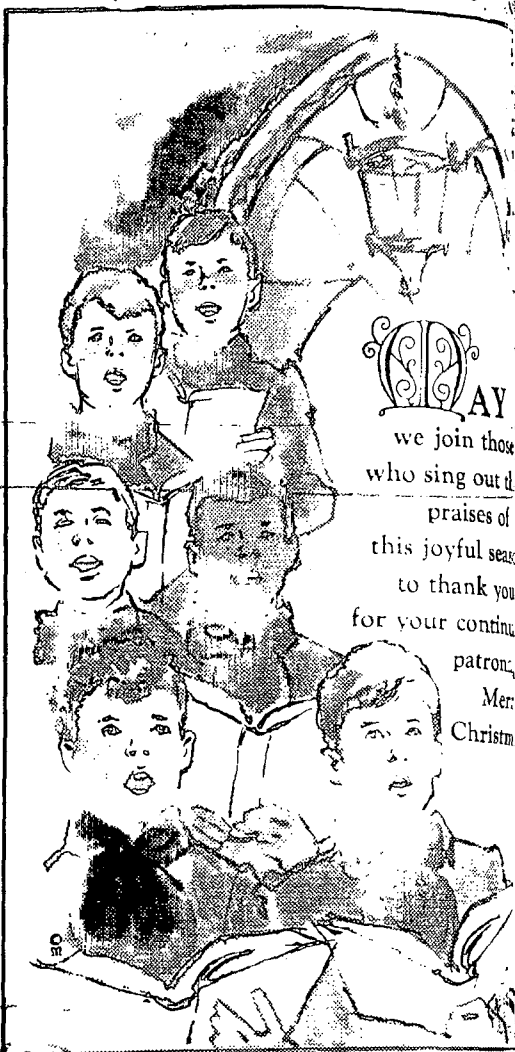
#### STICKY FRESH

Rub a finger across the butt of the tree before buying it. If it's sticky with sap, it's still quite fresh. A stump of 6 or 7 inches long will allow stability when the tree is set up and give "drinking" area to soak up water.

When the tree is brought home, cut a diagonal one-inch slice from the stump, and peel back the bark another inch. Now place the tree in a bucket of water—you may add a cup of sugar or syrup. Keep the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it and add water each day as well as sprinkle the branches.

When you set up the tree, make sure the stump will continue to take up plenty of moisture. Anchor the tree in a stand filled with sand to which water can be added daily.

Check the needles every day. If they turn brown in the vicinity of Christmas lights, move the lights. If needles begin to drop heavily, take the tree down at once, a dried out tree is a distinct hazard.



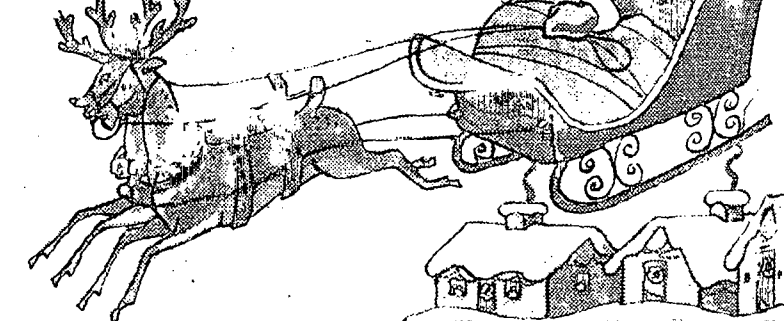
we join those who sing out praises of this joyful season to thank you for your continued patronage. Merry Christmas

**MRS. JUNE FELDHAUSEN**

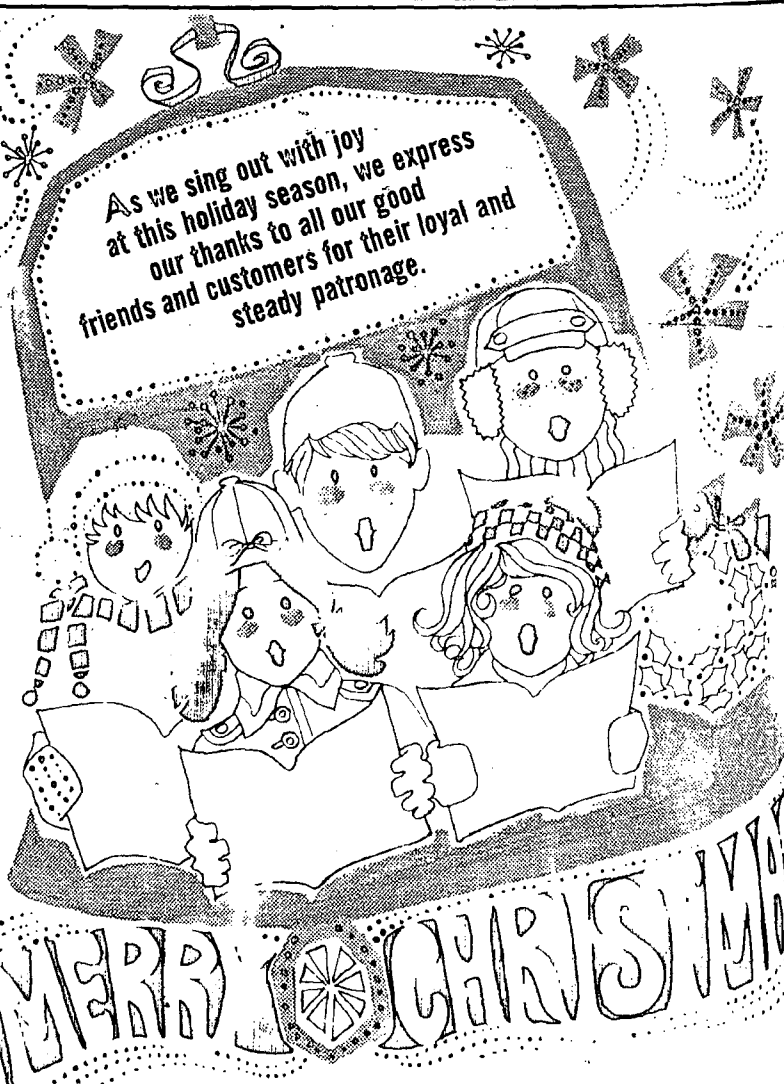
Branch teacher of the  
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EXTENDS GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY

## GREETINGS

Santa's on his way with a sleighful of merry wishes for you, plus a hearty "Thank you" from us, too!



**AuSable Souvenir Works**  
Frederic

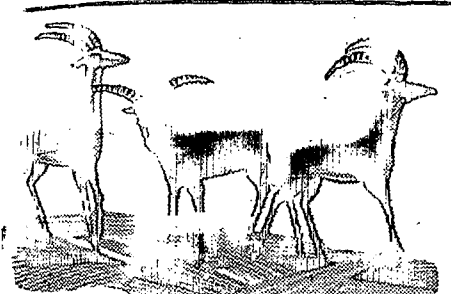


As we sing out with joy at this holiday season, we express our thanks to all our good friends and customers for their loyal and steady patronage.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

**GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.**





all our customers, best wishes for a Merry Christmas. We thank you warmly!

**POST OIL CO.**

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS AROUND THE WORLD

When Santa Kurosu (Japanese for Santa Claus) opens his bag on Christmas Eve, a strange smell may fill the air—for some Japanese villagers consider it extremely good luck to give fish as Christmas presents!

In Spain, gifts are exchanged on January 6th in honor of Epiphany, to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men at Bethlehem. Adults in France exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the impatient young try are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve just like their American cousins. The German child finds candy and nuts in his stocking, or a potato, depending upon his "report" to Santa.

Italian children put out their shoes to eagerly await presents from a female version of Santa Claus called La Befana who, riding a broomstick, brings gifts to good children and ashes to bad ones. While waiting for Befana, who comes on Jan. 6th Italian children and their elders draw small gifts on Christmas Eve from a jar called the "urn of fate".

In Sweden, the feast of St. Lucia on December 13th ushers in the Christmas season. Each community chooses a lovely Lucia Queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome. The chosen Queen is feted and entertained royally. In families with daughters, throughout Sweden, the prettiest is traditionally chosen as Lucia. Her "gift" is to wait on everyone else for the day.

The systematic British long ago established December 26th as "Boxing Day"—on this pugilistic sounding occasion, servants and tradespeople all over England are given boxes of money in token appreciation for their services.

"Christmas isn't Christmas without presents" said a concerned Amy in the classic "Little Women" and tradition bears her statement out. Whatever the amount spent, whatever the present, Americans certainly agree with Amy's sentiments. Studies show that 27 billion dollars were spent on Christmas presents in a recent year.

### HOLIDAY SAFETY

Christmas season marks the beginning of an extended holiday period that will see traffic mount to new highs on the nation's highways.

In many areas, driving conditions will be more hazardous during this time because of weather. Hundreds of Americans lose their lives annually on the highways during the Christmas holiday period. Predictions. Don't be

**PERSIAN STYLE.** The visit of the Wise Men, in Persian setting, is depicted in this gold-leaf decorated lithograph from Iran, done by Agha Behzad, a well known miniaturist.

### THE FIRST NOEL

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel". It first appeared in print in 1883 in a book called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern", and is believed to be very old.

The author of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" also is unknown, but he lived before Shakespeare.

**SEASONAL.** In many parts of the South, it just isn't Christmas dinner unless there is a pecan pie on the sideboard.

### CARDS WERE GENERAL

Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar subjects.



Christmas caroling is almost as old as Christmas itself.

An early historian wrote that in the Second Century the bishop of Rome urged his people to sing "in celebration of our Lord". Christmas hymns go back to the Fifth Century, when most of them were written in Latin.

St. Francis of Assisi is regarded as the father of caroling as known today. In 1223, St. Francis placed a crèche (miniature Nativity scene), in a hermitage in Greccio, Italy.

After this many churches began displaying a Nativity scene at Christmas, and soon the people began acting out the Christmas story. The actors

composed carols to sing with their Nativity plays and after the plays they would stroll down the street, singing. In that way, streetcaroling began. So if you should go caroling this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats cut away coats, of English villagers in hose and jerkin, of good St. Francis, and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before caroling as we know it existed, sang "in celebration of our Lord".

## A Merry Christmas

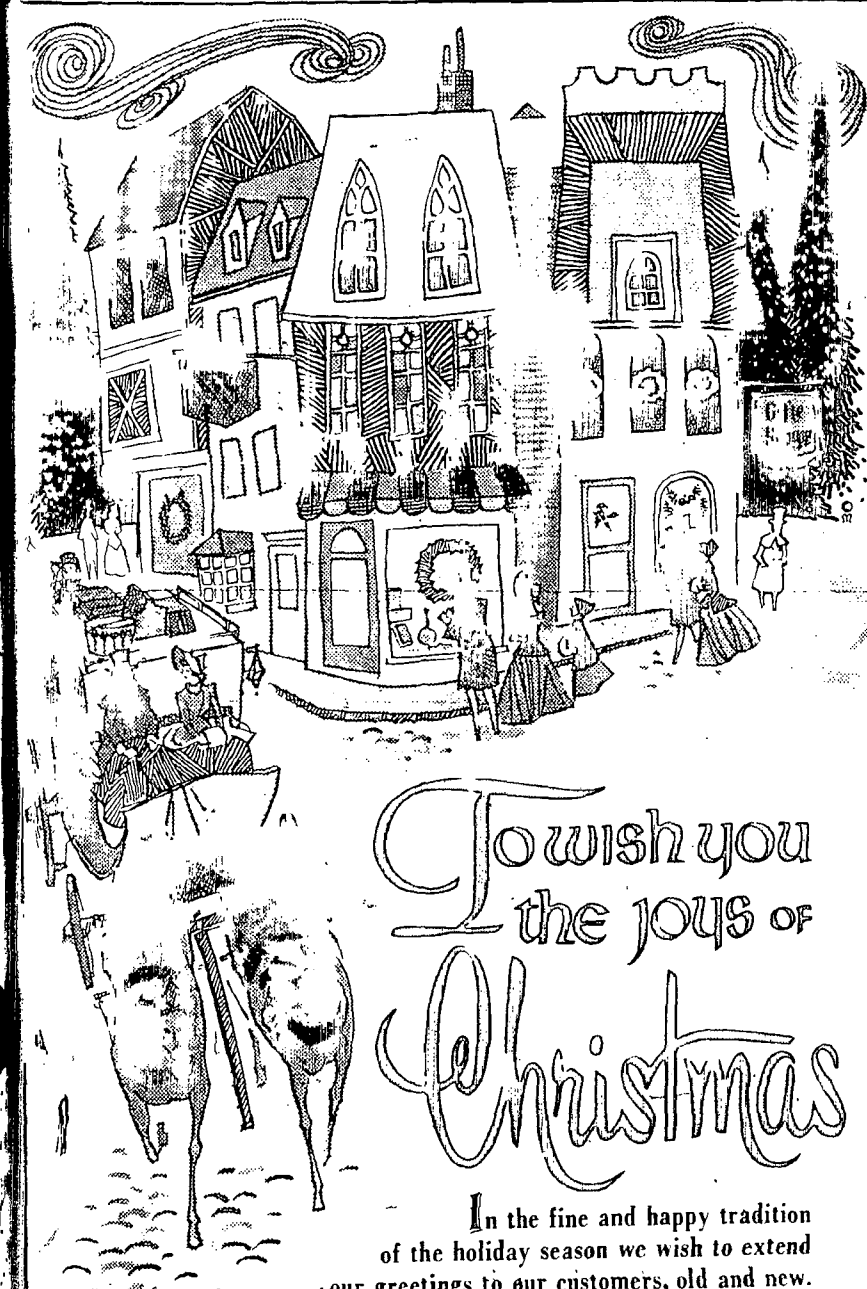
Hoping you will have an old-fashioned holiday with all its joy, contentment, peace... and sending you heartiest thanks!



### AUSABLE HOTEL

Mrs. Mary Sajdak, Prop.

FREDERIC

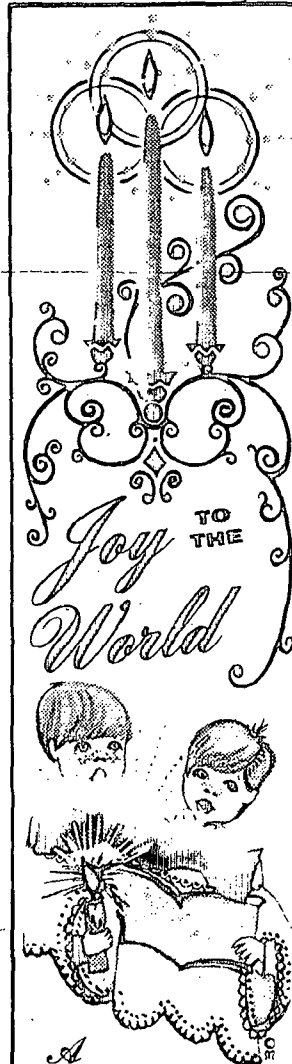


To wish you the joys of Christmas

In the fine and happy tradition of the holiday season we wish to extend our greetings to our customers, old and new. May you enjoy the festivities and delights of this special time as your families gather in joyous celebration. Thank you for your loyal trust and support. Your warm friendship makes us feel very proud. Merry Christmas.

**Art Clough**

"REAL ESTATE"



A glad, glorious Christmas comes, and with it best wishes, grateful thanks to you.

Dr. P. A. Juntilla, D.D.S.

Dr. James Clough, D.D.S.



### A Peaceful Christmas

The peace of Christmas lives anew in song and story. May your joys be many, as are these thanks to you.

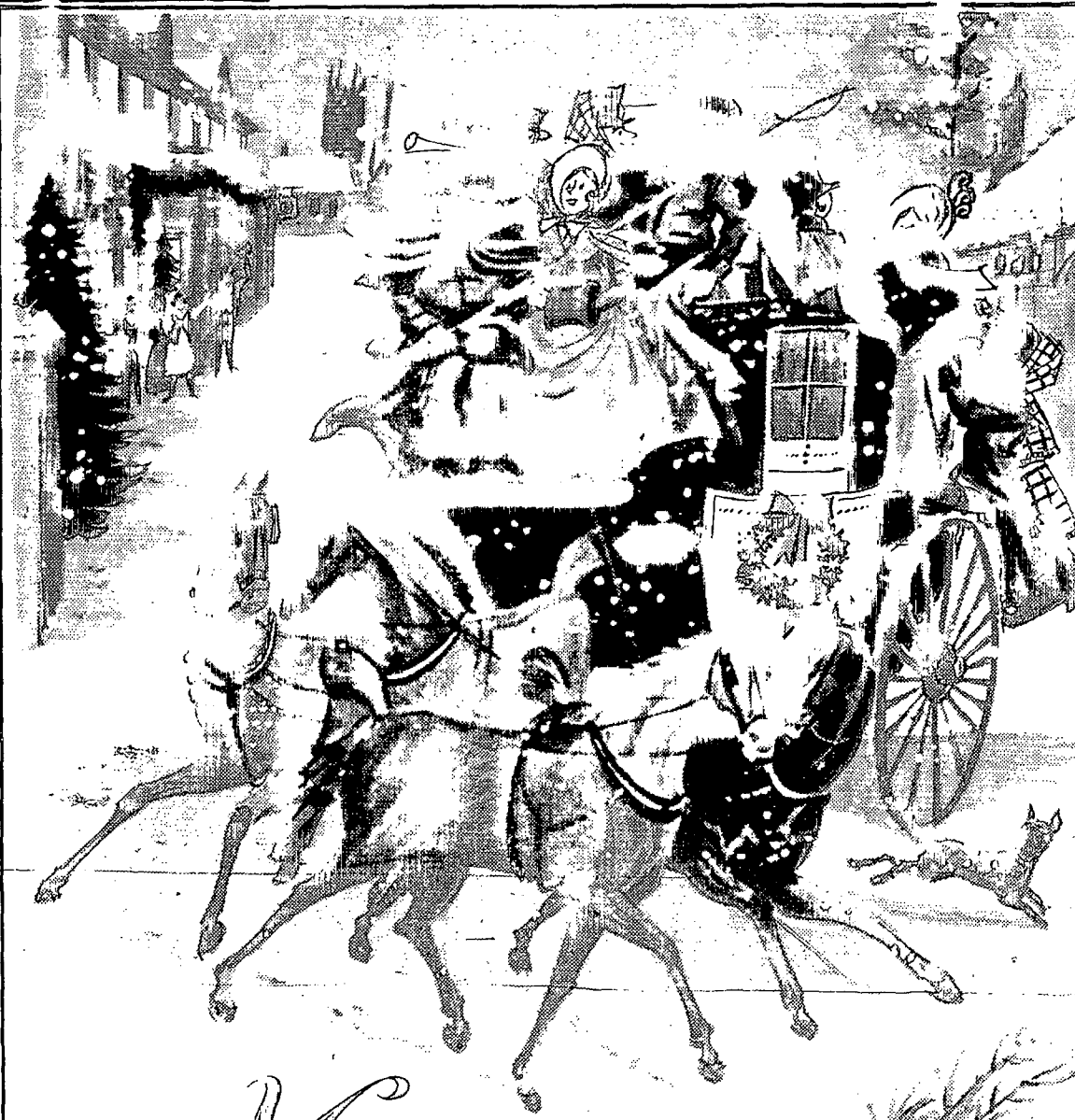
### Hatt's Motel

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hatt



This season, it is our wish that your spirit be moved by the inspiration and hope that distinguished the first Christmas. And that its meaning then... of peace and good will toward men... will be its meaning now for you and your loved ones.

**Clair's Service**



Merry Christmas

Christmas is in the air everywhere! Family and friends join to rejoice, trees are being trimmed, carols are sung, gifts exchanged, bells ring out a merry tune and hearts are filled with peaceful happiness. These are the very special joys of the season. May each and every one be yours. And we add our grateful thanks as we wish you a Merry Christmas.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR PATRONS FROM

PACKARD ELECTRIC

AND

HURON ELECTRIC SUPPLY

"Have a Safe Same Holiday"

Drive with Care

## ELECT OFFICERS FOR CREDIT UNION HERE

At a meeting of interested persons held December 7 at the high school gym, the Crawford County Federal Credit Union was formed and the following persons elected to office. On the board of directors, president: Don Wolkiewicz, vice-president: Roger Kneff; secretary: Norma Secord; education: Robert McNeil, Leo Lovely and William Sietema; on the supervisory committee: Clifford Beck, chairman; Douglas Zill and Michael Butler; and on the credit committee: James Sorenson, chairman; Betty Sajdak, secretary; and Mary Reed.

Any one living or working within Crawford county is eligible to join the credit union. The receipt of membership cards and deposits will be handled by Bob Robertson at the Clark gas station on Cedar Street.

Robert McNeil, publicity

## WEATHER

Courtesy of Wayne Ross

Date	Max.	Min.	Precip.	Snow	On Gr.
Dec. 11	30	17	—	—	5
Dec. 12	42	30	tr	—	3
Dec. 13	43	29	0.28	tr	1
Dec. 14	30	16	0.07	0.9	1
Dec. 15	20	3	—	—	1
Dec. 16	23	7	—	—	1
Dec. 17	29	4	—	—	1

## BITS O' TALK

Jack Mason was in Cleveland, Ohio last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Hazel Mason, and picked up his son, Jack, Jr. at Midland and son Mike in Detroit to bring them home for the holidays from their schools. Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. and Cranwell Preparatory School at Lennox, Mass. Mrs. Mason's sister, Sister Jeanette of Aberdeen, So. Dakota, was expected Monday to spend until Dec. 26 with the Mason family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hatt were in Bellevue last weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Loren Vogt and family.

Mrs. Edith Kolka was in town one day last week visiting. She returned to Merrill where she will be visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stroebel and family until after the holidays.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 28 and reopen on Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karger (Nancy Wilcox) of Winnetka, Ill. are the parents of a baby girl, Mollie Hanson Karger, born Nov. 18. Grandparents are Mrs. Hugo Braun of Saginaw and the Frank Kargers Sr. Mrs. Braun spent a week with her grandson Michael Karger while Nancy and baby were hospitalized.

Expected holiday guests at the Mrs. Herbert Wolff home are her daughters Mr. and Mrs. William Morris and family of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. William Tuttle and family of Mercer, Wis., also her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bogie and Charlie of Oklahoma. They planned to arrive last weekend.

The Hal Walkers planned to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Unger in Dearborn, the Ronald Browns in Windsor, Ontario, and to spend Christmas visiting his sister the Lloyd Dendels in Royal Oak.

Caroline and Bob Andree and Suzanne of Monroe, Wis. came Dec. 15 to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison, and the Newt Allison family.

Arriving Friday and staying to spend the Christmas holidays with Grace Andrews were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Andrews and family of Lansing. Also arriving on Saturday for the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. Hans Andrews of Battle Creek.

L. C. Downard left Friday for Adrian to spend the holiday season with his son Russell Downard and also spend some time with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vinaske and family of Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fuller are expecting their son Joe Fuller of Union Lake to arrive on Monday and stay for the holiday. Mrs. Fuller returned from Pontiac Lake where she had spent some time visiting her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judge and helping with her new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cook are planning on leaving Tuesday to spend the remainder of the Christmas week with their son Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook at Mt. Clemens. They plan to return home on Sunday.

Guests of Mrs. Fern Macaulay last weekend were her grandson Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bednarzyk and family of Bay City. Mrs. Fern Macaulay and daughter Karen are planning on spending Christmas in Mancelona visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Conway.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford  
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in the said County, on the 5th day of December, A.D. 1968.

Present, Hon. Emil L. Kraus, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alfred J. Short, Deceased.  
It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased before and after said Court.

It is Ordered, That all of the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 14th day of February A.D. 1969, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased. All claims shall be sworn to and in writing and filed with this Court and a copy served on James M. Fitzpatrick, Administrator W.W.A., 122 W. State Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49664.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford County Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

**JUDGE OF PROBATE**  
EMIL L. KRAUS

A true copy:  
THERESE A. GOSS  
Register of Probate

12-10-68

## Resolution Dogood



Leslie Halstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halstead Jr. of Lake Margrethe, was one of 91 students who graduated from Michigan Technological University at Houghton in the upper peninsula December 14. Leslie was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Attending the ceremonies at Michigan Tech were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halstead and three children. They brought Les home with them following graduation.

## Road Commissioners Minutes

Dec. 6, 1968

A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners held in their office in Grayling, Chairman Mead presiding. Members present, Commissioners Howard H. Mead, Harold T. Johnson and R. E. Shook, Engineer Manager John M. Keir and Superintendent Norman H. Feldhauser. Absent, none.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Comm. Shook, supported by Comm. Johnson, that the minutes be approved as read. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Voucher No. 1109 covering Payroll No. 25 and Vouchers No. 1110 to 1129 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Comm. Shook, supported by Comm. Johnson, that Vouchers No. 1109 to 1129 be approved and warrants drawn in their respective amounts. All voted in favor, motion carried. Payroll No. 25 12,490.08

Automotive Parts and Supply Co. 359.92  
Dutler Ford City 182.37  
The Grayling Agency 10.00  
Bill Hart Ford, Inc. 33.60  
Jennison Hardware Co. 45.95  
Motorola Communications and Electric 137.09  
Miller Equipment Co. 626.42  
Tufts Distributing Co., Inc. 42.70  
Truck and Trailer Equipment Co. 4.12  
Crawford County Avalanche 135.60  
Bing Vinyl Signs 12.50  
Mrs. William Ferguson Howell Construction Co., Inc. 1,592.00  
Hyde Equipment Sales 448.40  
A. H. Joynt, Inc. 69.18  
Morton Salt Co. 1,725.30  
Short Freight Lines, Inc. 7.64  
Tru Har Products, Inc. 21.40  
Wench Battery Company 47.88

An application was received from Top O' Michigan Rural Electric Company for a permit to clear trees and brush in road right of way and construct an electric service line on west side of AuSable Trail, Sec. 3, T27N, R4W, Frederic Township. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Comm. Shook that the permit be granted. All voted in favor, motion carried.

An application was received from the Consumers Power Company for an Annual Blanket Permit to cover certain maintenance and service extension activities within County road rights of way during the calendar year 1969. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Comm. Shook, that the permit be granted. All voted in favor, motion carried.

John Deckrow appeared before the Board in regard to maintenance on roads at Lake Margrethe.

An application was received from General Telephone Company for a permit to bury cable at a depth of 36" under Hartwick Pines Road by road method and along the road for a distance of 115', also place one pedestal 40' west of centerline. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Engr. Mgr. Keir. All voted in favor, motion carried.

After a trip of inspection over roads in the County a motion was made and supported to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Florence S. Douglas, Secy.

Dec. 8, 9, and 10, 1968

A special meeting to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissioners held in Grand Rapids. Commissioners Howard H. Mead, Harold T. Johnson and R. E. Shook, Engineer Manager Keir and Superintendent Feldhauser attended the meeting.

Howard H. Mead, Chmn.

Florence S. Douglas, Secy.

Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 12, 1968

**TOYS—VICTORIAN ERA**  
Christmas toys for children of the Victorian era were meant to amuse as well as instruct. The popular mechanical banks were interesting to watch and also inspired thrift.

**IN SICILY**  
In Sicily, many families create their own Christmas trees, but they use oranges instead of apples. Carries out an old tradition that all the trees bore fruit when Christ was born.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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13. Anger	49. sheltered		11. Vex
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## Last Week's Answer

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Puzzle No. 1053

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1515 M-144, Roscommon  
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Corner Plum and Smith St.  
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Rev. Jack Rink  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Chapel Service 11:00 a.m.

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Minister H. Hennin  
4 miles East of Frederic on County Road 612  
Sunday School, 10:30-11:45 a.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday and Preaching Sunday evening, 7:30.

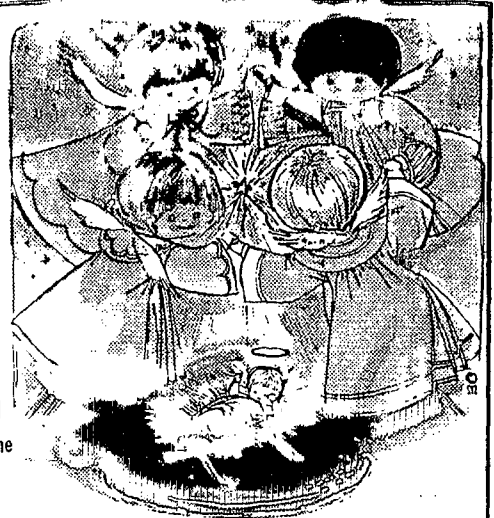
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Pastor Watson Bilger  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Youth Service 6 p.m.  
Evangelistic worship 7:30 p.m.  
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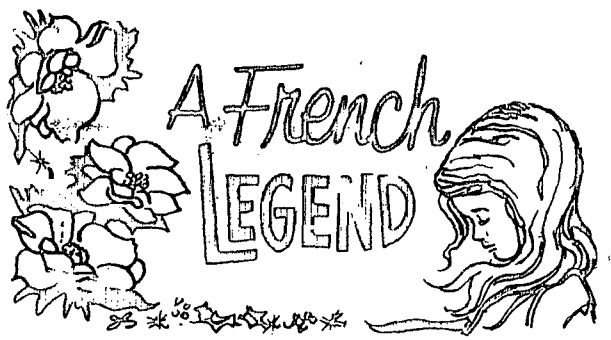
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express appreciation for your cordial relationship  
**Wert's Lone Pine Inn**



A French Legend tells why the Christmas rose—the only rose that blooms at Christmas—sometimes has a bit of pink on its white petals. A small girl who was accompanying the shepherds on their way to visit the Christ Child, was unhappy because she had no gift to offer the infant. The Angel Gabriel appeared to her and was so impressed by the little girl's sincerity that he touched his staff to the ground, and a rose—more beautiful than any other sprang from the frozen earth. The rose was originally white, or so the story goes, but when the little girl gave it as a gift to the Baby Jesus, the Christ Child reached out His hand to touch the bloom, and its petals were suddenly tipped with pink.



**CHOOSE YOUR CHRISTMAS COLOR IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RED**

Don't worry if you don't plan to use red in your chosen decorating theme. You will have plenty of this familiar tone supplied by gift wrappings, stockings, berries and seasonal flowers to give bright color accents in the house. Carefully plan the effect you want to achieve before starting. For instance, it would be an original and soothing setting for all the activity and excitement, to provide a mood of peace and contentment using blues, whites and metallic touches.

A theme from the words of one of your favorite carols could be expressed through the creative use of color in your Yuletide decorations. After you have decided on a general color scheme, try to keep hues simple. THERE is a definite language of colors; they produce certain thoughts and feelings.

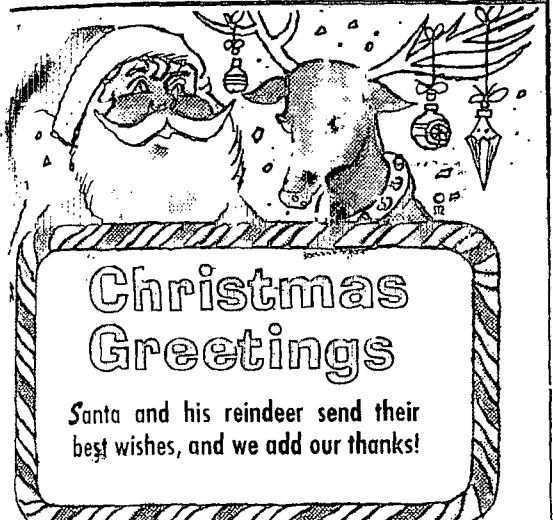
Blue particularly expresses restfulness, truth and dependability. White means purity, peace faith and joy. Silver symbolizes birth, purity, the Spirit, and the promise of happy times; while gold stands for royalty and power. As one of the gifts of the Three Wise Men—Melchior, Balthasar, and Caspar—gold meant that Christ was acknowledged as King of men.

**Fragile Egg Shells For Exquisite Tree**

An English proverb says "Better half an egg than an empty shell". However, creators of exquisite decorated egg shells have refuted this. Take empty shells and a variety of other small fragile things—fake pearls and brilliant stones, miniature gilt ornaments, the tiniest of artificial flowers and ferns—and create Christmas tree ornaments of heirloom quality. It is precisely because they are so fragile that these ornaments are so charming. Even one, strategically hung, could have a place of honor in your tree.

Grand County Advocate  
Thursday, December 26, 1968

**ALWAYS A CHRISTMAS**  
The bright eyes of children around a Christmas tree will always be with us. You can say it's sentimental, but the old world needs more of that sentiment. You can say it's unnecessary, but so are a mother's kiss, a friendly handshake and the song of a robin. Christmas is the one day of the year when kindness and faith and joy have a right of way; a day when the hearts are brighter, when smiles are kinder. Sure, there'll always be...



**ANNUNCIATION...** This carving comes from the far-away island of Bali. Done by Wojan S. Jonathan, it was carved on native Philippine mahogany, the outlines burned in black and the work then coated with lacquer.



**LIFE'S SCALES**

There is a legend of a Goblin who made an annual pilgrimage among the people at Christmastime, evaluating their thoughts and deeds by their weight. One day the Goblin saw a man with a new automobile, which he had purchased for himself and family as a Christmas token. Here, thought the Goblin, is something very valuable. So he put it on the scales, but, to his dismay, it weighed nothing.

Next he saw a boy who appeared very happy. "Why are you so glad?" asked the Goblin. "I'm going to get a lot of nice things for Christmas—I know, because I've seen them in the closet," said the boy. The Goblin put them all on the scales, but they weighed nothing.

There was a young girl who was frowning. "What are you frowning for?" asked the Goblin. "Oh, a friend of mine gave me a little old handkerchief for Christmas last year, and I'll have to give her one this year because she will expect it." The Goblin put the handkerchief on the scales, but it weighed nothing.

The Goblin looked up and saw a richly-attired woman sitting at a window knitting. "What are you doing?" he asked. "I am knitting a scarf for a sick friend who is old and miserable," said the woman. "There isn't a scarf in all the stores that I care to give her, so I am knitting one." The Goblin put the scarf on the scales and it weighed very much.

Looking down the street, the Goblin saw an aged couple carrying a well-fitted basket between them. He approached the couple, and saw that they were very poor. "Where are you taking that basket of food?" he asked. "To a kindly friend," said the man. "But do you not need this for yourselves?" asked the Goblin. "We can spare it; besides, our food tastes better when we divide it with those who need it worse than we do," was the answer. The Goblin put the basket on the scales, and it weighed to the limit of the scales.

**CAROLING EVERYWHERE**  
In every country where Christmas is celebrated, carols are a part of the celebration.

**HE PROTECTED ROBBERS**  
Legends about St. Nicholas are many, but they all relate in some way to his reputation for generosity. Pawnbrokers took him for their patron, and robbers looked to him as their protector. In the Middle Ages, robbers were sometimes called Knights or Clerks of St. Nicholas, says the New Book of Knowledge.



**GRAYLING REEL CO., Inc.**



**THE POPULAR POINSETTIA**

The most popular flowering plant for Christmas, according to many florists, is the Poinsettia. The plant was brought to the United States more than 125 years ago from Mexico by Dr. Joel Poinsett, who was the American ambassador to that country. According to one legend, a poor Mexican girl, who was heartbroken because she had nothing of beauty or value to offer the Virgin Mary, plucked some weeds from the side of the road and placed them at the foot of the holy statue. The plants were miraculously transformed into the scarlet brilliance that we associate with the poinsettia today. In Mexico, many people still call the flower "Flor de Noche Buena"—the flower of the Holy Night.

**Yodeling Yule**  
An old custom of the Austrian Tyrol is the Christmas yodel. Traditionally, the Yuletide yodel—a song without words—may be improvised, or it may be based on the tune of a familiar carol.

**A Blessed Christmas**

The inspiration of that Holy Night lives anew. May all its spiritual blessings be yours, at this Christmastide.

**JANSEN PLUMBING SERVICE**



**Peter's Coiffures**



**Christmas Greetings**

As we rejoice in the story of the first Christmas, may the happy spirit of the holiday light up your home with peace, good will. Thanks to all you wonderful people for your loyal trust and support.

**TIP TOP TOGS**  
We will be closed from 5:30 Dec. 24th until Thursday morning, January 2nd.



We heartily hope that the true joy of Christmas may light the way for you and yours throughout the year. And we take this wonderful opportunity to thank you for your loyal patronage.

**Sorenson Agency and Associates, Inc.**

**ROCHETTE SHELL SERVICE & PARTY STORE**





GREETINGS  
FOR  
Christmas

To you, sincere greetings and thanks... with every good wish that the joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours.

PENGUIN INN

Your Hosts — Muriel and John Latusek

## Yesteryear's Customs Live At Yuletide

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

### It's a Mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church step,



CONGO ART... Titled "Awake," this prize-winning oil depicts a Congolese shepherd under a bright sky with the Advent star. It was selected for reproduction on a Christmas card by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature.

their future mates will await them there. Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

### How Many Holidays?

Traditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children.

Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" day for school children, who try to play tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of course, is Christmas.

### FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

For those of you who get new appliances as Christmas presents, remember the old railroad signs: "Stop, Wait, Listen!" Follow this advice before rushing to try out your new acquisition. Even the simplest gadget has directions for proper care and operation. So after unpacking, "Stop, Wait-and Read." It's also a good idea to keep the warranty or sales slip, or both.

### TIME FOR JOY

Christmas — The time for joy... The time for Happiness... Time for Love. Give generously of Kindness and Friendship during this Holy Season.

During Christmastide over nineteen hundred years ago, three Oriental kings followed a wonderful star to a little town of Bethlehem where they bestowed glorious gifts upon the tiny Christ Child. During this beautiful season, this year, let our star of love shine brightly, and bear gifts of joy and friendship to family, friends and acquaintances both far and near.

## Why Pick Chimney? St. Nick Has Reasons

Why does Santa come down the chimney?

Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house.

Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gifts of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret.

Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their "at halls, a festive occasion was the gift of the god.

dess Hertha in the fireplace.

As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer.

Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney."

The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!

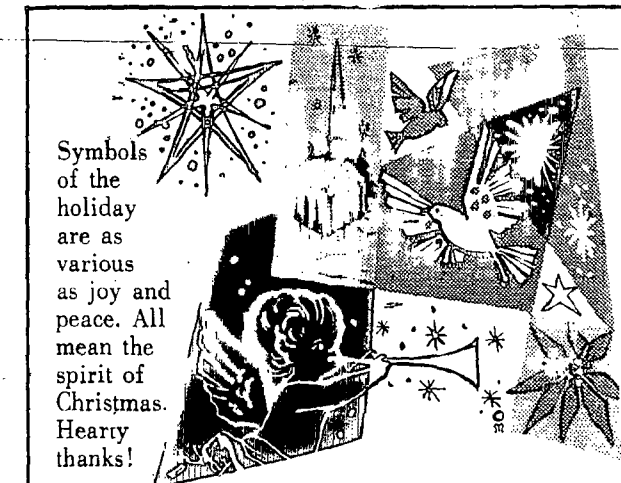
### For Feasting

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "dulces de almendra." The ingredients are ar, flour, egg white and nuts.



### A Joyous Christmas

Take these flowers, gemm'd with dew-drops. As a loving gift from me: May thy heart reflect their brightness And thy Christmas joyous be!



Symbols of the holiday are as various as joy and peace. All mean the spirit of Christmas. Hearty thanks!

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS

## Cities Put Up Evergreens

Comes Christmas, and cities everywhere renew a tradition of setting up a community Christmas tree, a custom which began early in this century.

In 1909, citizens of Pasadena, Calif., decorated an evergreen on Mount Wilson as the tree of the city.

The year 1912 saw community Christmas trees erected in Madison Square, New York, N.Y., and on the Common in Boston, Mass. Independence Square in Philadelphia, Pa., showed off its first community tree in 1913.

President Calvin Coolidge inaugurated the custom of a national community Christmas tree in Washington, D.C., when he was presented with a large evergreen by the University of Vermont, in 1923.



## Silent Night

On the night, on which the Saviour was born, shine upon you in this Christmas season.

Grateful that for your continued good will.

NORTHEAST SUNOCO



## Greetings

with every good wish for a beautiful Christmas! And may we express our sincere joy in serving you. Your patronage is appreciated.

DORA'S BEAUTY SHOP

MAY THIS MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON BRING YOU A STOCKING FULL OF STRIKES AND ENOUGH SPARES TO COVER THE SPACE UNDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

IS THE WISH OF...

GRAYLING POST 106  
AMERICAN LEGION

Operators of Grayling's Community Bowling Alley



This is the season of good cheer when family and friends gather to celebrate the holiday amid sounds of music and laughter, the smell of good foods to eat, presents for all. To faithful friends old and new we offer a "Merry Christmas" and our thanks for your generous consideration.

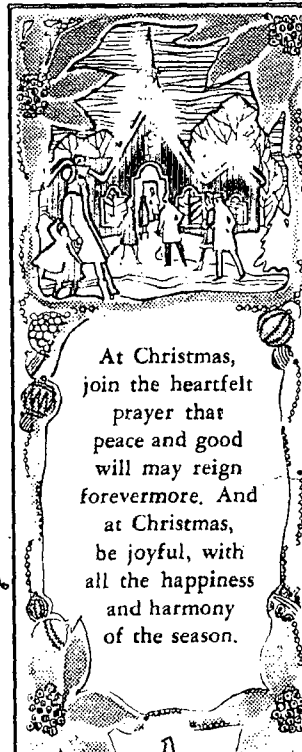
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MELVIN K. NELSON, Owner



## Yuletide Greetings

With deep appreciation of your loyalty and good will, we're wishing you all the pleasures of a fine old-fashioned Yule. Be merry!

Real Estate



## A Christmas Prayer

Warmest gratitude for your loyal patronage!

LENG'S GARAGE  
FREDERIC



## Christmas GREETINGS

At this crisp and exciting time of year, we are hopeful that your holiday will be filled with joyous warmth, richly shared with those you hold dear. And to you, our customers, we express our thanks and appreciation for your continued patronage. Merry Christmas!

TUFTS DISTRIBUTING CO., Inc.  
TERACO — FIRESTONE — A. C. PRODUCTS

Mercy Hospital N... Patients at Mercy H... week included Clint... Sylvester Crowell... Gieses Howe... MacQue, Annabelle... Lomie Benedict... Ellen Stephan...

Wish you a Joyous Christmas

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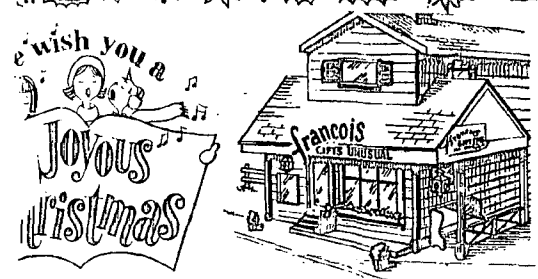
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 Mr. and Mrs. James Laurent  
 have an 8 lb. 3 oz. son born to  
 them Dec. 20.



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**CHRISTMAS**  
 In appreciation of your patronage...

Best wishes to customers and friends  
 for a holiday filled with the happy  
 sounds of laughter. Merry Christmas.

**DUNK'S INN**  
 Harold and Helen Duncan



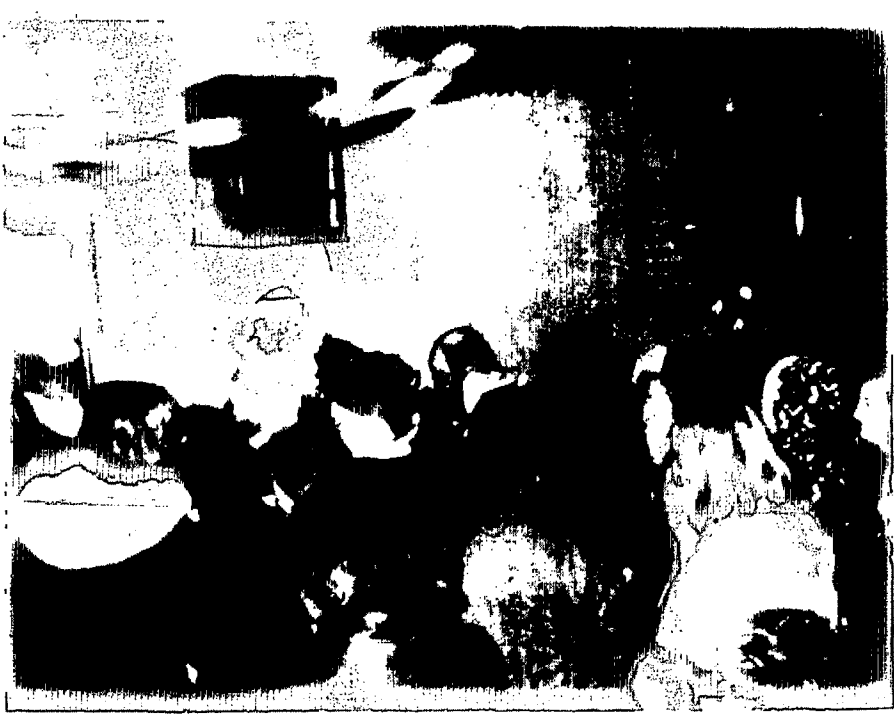
Everyone's singing out in merriment  
 and joy, announcing to the world that it's  
 Christmas! And it's our time to  
 thank you, customers, for your patronage.

**BURNS Hardware  
& Furniture**

**BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS**



**OLSON'S**  
 of GRAYLING



**SANTA CLAUS** welcomes some of the children of Crawford County in one of the five groups entertained by the Grayling Post 106, American Legion, Friday, December 20 in the Legion's annual Christmas party. Not shown is Mrs. Santa, who aided her husband at the Grayling stop-over.

**BITS O' TALK**

Expected at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douglas for Christmas dinner are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Avery of Garden; also Marge Husted of Gaylord, Jim Douglas, Margaret Douglas, and Mr. Douglas's mother Mrs. Beulah Moore of Grayling.

Jackie Blaauw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaauw, who is a student at Lansing Community College, arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, to spend the holidays. The Blaauws' son, Fred, arrived home from Northwestern at Traverse City on Friday, the 13th, for the holiday. On Wednesday, Dec. 18, Fred went to Lansing to visit his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Maynard. He returned home Friday along with the Maynards who stayed for the weekend to visit her parents, the Fred Blaauws.

Grayling Restaurant will be closed December 23 through January 8.

The Wednesday night Bunco Club met at the home of Bonnie Kucharek on Monday night for their Christmas party. High score for Bunco was won by Madeline Kucharek with second high going to Mary Denewit. Jackie Lepsy won low. The door prize was won by Eleanor McIsaac. Following Bunco the girls held their gift exchange and fruitcake and coffee were served by the hostess. A nice evening was had by all.

Enjoy the Fish Fry every Friday evening at the Penguin Inn, serving from 5:30 to 8:30.

Karen Anthony arrived home from Muskegon Saturday, Dec. 21, to spend two weeks during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anthony. Sunday dinner guests of the Anthonys were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swender of Saginaw.

Linda Ashton and boys of Saginaw arrived Saturday to stay until Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boone. Marilyn Joseph of MSU and Bill of Albion College are home to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph.

Mrs. George McEvers and Mrs. Jackie Lepsy were in Bay City Wednesday to visit Mrs. McEvers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luks.

Steve DuBois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard-DuBois, arrived home this weekend from Albion College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. Another son Gary of Croswell also came to spend the holiday season.

Enjoy the Smorgasbord at the Penguin Inn every Wednesday evening, serving from 6:00 to 11:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Payne of Chicago, Ill. spent the past week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeHart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elenbaas and Joe Jr. were in Battle Creek last Saturday, Dec. 14, to attend the wedding of Mrs. Elenbaas's niece. They stopped enroute and picked up their daughter Diane in Saginaw who went with them. They stayed with Mrs. Elenbaas's sister Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Welston for the weekend. Diane came home from Saginaw to spend the holidays with her parents.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 23 and reopen on Jan. 2.

The Jerome Kessler family spent Sunday, Dec. 22 in Saginaw, attending a family Christmas party at the home of Jim Kessler.

The Arthur Nolans went down to Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 21 to meet their son John who is home on leave.

Dave Nethers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nethers is home from CMU for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dunham came Saturday to pick up her mother, Mrs. Earl Dawson, and take her back to Lansing to spend Christmas week with them.



**Christmas Blessings**

"Christ the Saviour is born!" The glad tidings of this age-old story ring out anew, and the message of the Nativity brings joy and blessings.

**Grayling Radio & TV**  
 120 Michigan Ave.

**Frederic**  
 By Mrs. Abbie Madill

Mrs. Mary Skinner and Maurice Alma Sr. received word of the death of their sister, Mrs. Zerna Humphrey of Flint, on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Mrs. Skinner left for Flint Wednesday. The burial was to be in South Branch, Michigan.

Edith Payne is spending Christmas in Harrison with her son and family, the John Paynes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dumont who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wargo planned to attend the reception in Midland.

The AuSable Woodworking plant entertained their employees with a Christmas party Thursday at the town hall, and each was given a turkey.

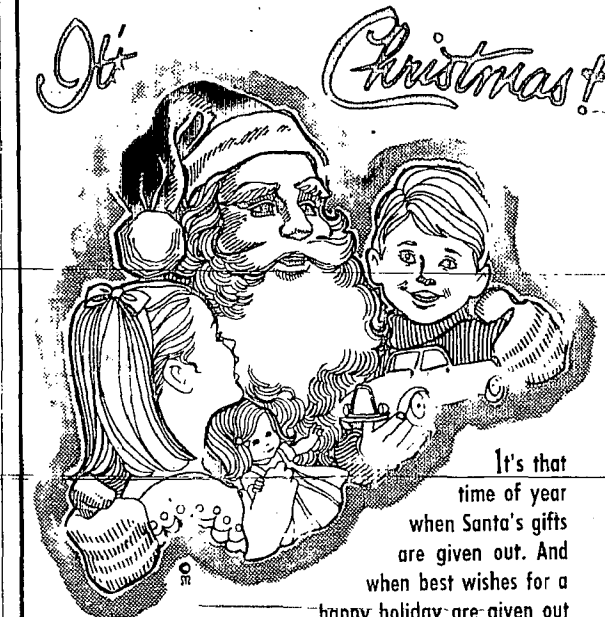
Our sympathy is extended to the Davis family.

Mrs. Edith Worthing of Sand Creek was admitted to Mercy Hospital Dec. 12 and underwent surgery Dec. 18. She was taken ill while visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bender.

A special thanks to the firemen for their gifts to the senior citizens.

The elementary schools wish to thank the snowmobile club for treats given to the children on Tuesday night, and the Hobby Club for its treats on Friday.

**TREE LAND**  
 Christmas Trees—According to the University of California Agricultural Extension Service—California produces about nine hundred thousand Christmas trees a year.



**MIKE'S SUNOCO SERVICE**

11 Crawford County Avalanche, Thursday, December 26, 1968

'Tis the season of peace and good will. To friends, neighbors, sincere thanks.

**peace at Christmas**

**BILL SCHEER MOTORS, Inc.**

**Start the new year right...with us!**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at the MOOSE LODGE - GRAYLING**

**Music by "THE DRIFTERS"**  
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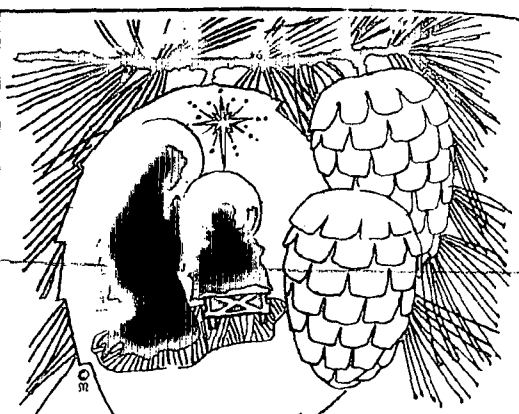
**GOD'S GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD**

"But as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them GAVE HE power to become the sons of GOD, even to them that believe on HIS name."

John 1:12

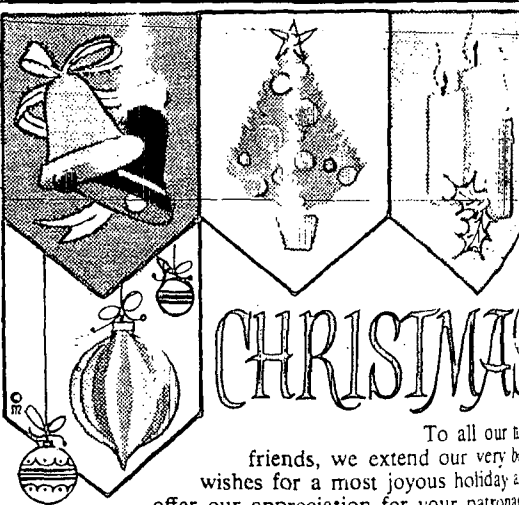
This ad is your Gift from Cross & Crown. If you would like to give or share in this ministry, write Box 107, Frederic, Mich. 49733.

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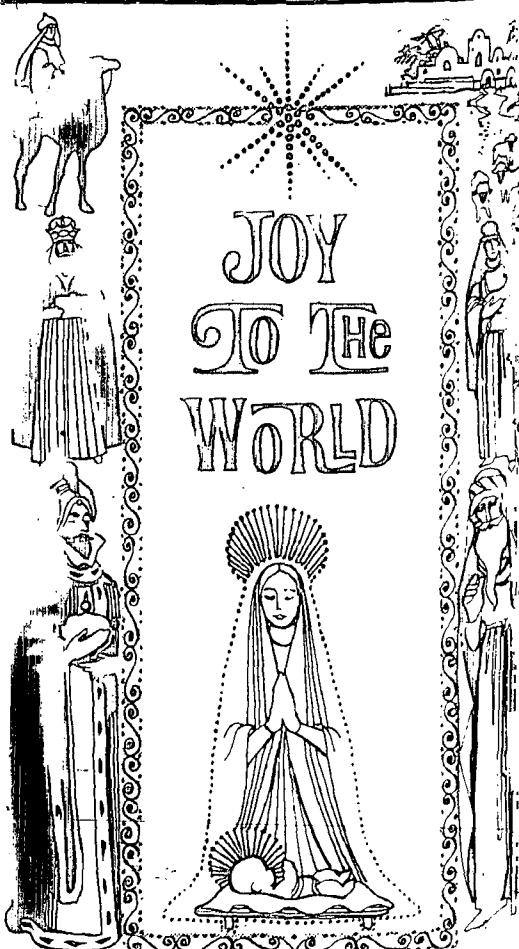


May Christmas be radiant with the light of peace, joy and blessings for you and yours.

**TONY'S BARBER SHOP**  
CLARENCE CROSS, OWNER



**MODERN HOME, INC.**



As the story of the first Christmas unfolds, may the light of the Christmas shine upon you and bring you everlasting peace and happiness. Best wishes for a joyous holiday.

**CHARLES MOSHIER**

PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE

## BITS O' TALK

Mike and Cathy Lovely are due home for Christmas from Mt. Pleasant to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lovely.

The name of Robert Wargo was omitted from the program presented by June Feldhauser's music pupils on Sunday, Dec. 15. Robert played the number "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" on his accordion. He also appeared on the Silver Tops Senior Citizens program Dec. 10. The Sorenson Agency ladies bowling team held their Christmas party Monday night following bowling. Mrs. Earl Longworth was the hostess to the team with a late supper being served and gifts exchanged. The house was decorated in the holiday spirit. Those attending were Mrs. William Sorenson, Mrs. Robert Sorenson, Miss Judy Sorenson, Mrs. Les Hunter and Mrs. Ruby Rectz, and of course Mrs. Longworth. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 28 and reopen on Jan. 2.

The Jolly Gals Club met at the home of Eleanor McIsaac Thursday evening for their annual Christmas party, which was in the form of an evening dinner. There were 12 ladies present and they enjoyed a turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings. Nancy Cox won the penny prize and they had their secret gift exchange. An enjoyable evening was had by all. The January meeting will be at the home of Jackie Lepsy. At the November meeting, which Joann Ferguson was hostess to, they made wreaths and different Christmas decorations which they donated to the Community Service Organization.

David McEvers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers, left on Dec. 11 for Fort Lewis, Wash., and from there he was shipped to Vietnam arriving there Saturday, Dec. 14.

Karen Wedge is home from Adrian to spend the holidays with her parents the Roy Wedges.

Enjoy the Fish Fry every Friday evening at the Penguin Inn, serving from 5:30 to 8:30.

George Blaha, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha, arrived home this weekend for the holidays. George is attending the Institute of Broadcast Arts in Detroit for training in the broadcasting arts on radio and television.

Libby Kipp is home from Albion to spend the holidays with her father, A. W. Kipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Albright are planning on spending Christmas day with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Albright and family at Otsego Lake. They will leave there on Wednesday evening to go and visit their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Don Folts and family at South Lyons, returning home on Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Tony) Nelson from Saturday until after Christmas are Mike and Marge Rinas and three children from Okemos.

Arriving at the Mahlon E. Rikers for the holiday is their son David, student at Ferris. David got home on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Patricia and Pauline Patterson, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. C. Patterson, arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, from Northwestern College for the holidays. The Pattersons are also expecting their son, Peter, who is a student at the University of Toronto, Canada, and his friend Charles Saxon to arrive the day before Christmas to spend a couple days.

Sears Catalog Store will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lazarowicz are planning on spending Christmas day and having dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams in Frederic.

Sylvia Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douglas, arrived home Tuesday, Dec. 17, from Mercy College in Detroit to spend the holidays. The Douglas' sons, Tom and Steve, arrived home Friday, Dec. 20. They took the ferry across to Ludington where Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dosch picked them up and brought them to Grayling. Coming over with the boys was Dave McCarthy, another student at Campion Jesuit High in Wis. Paul's parents Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy of Harbor Springs picked him up at the Douglas home.

Bob Smock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smock, arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, to spend the holidays with his parents. Bob is attending Northwestern Michigan college at Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson will spend from Christmas until Dec. 30 with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson. Joe is employed as a Chaplain at Central Prison at Raleigh, N.C. Mary Ellen is teaching in an inner city elementary school at Raleigh, N.C. Ellen received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. last August. Joe graduates from Duke Divinity School in February. He will continue working at the prison until August. He will receive his final ordination into the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church in June.

Eddie Robertson spent the first ten days of his Christmas vacation in Florida. He is with a group of Alma College students on a biology and zoology workshop. They are collecting specimens of animal and plant life from the Everglades and on the Gulf of Mexico.

Staff Sgt. Robert B. Ahrens is home on leave, visiting his wife the former Judy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams.

Holiday guests of the Rupert Reinharts are her mother, Mrs. Florence Haase from Central Lake, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Haase and family of Detroit.

Robert Hayes is home from Central Michigan University visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hayes.

Visiting their parents, the Robert McIntoshes Sr. over the holidays are Bob Jr. from CMU and Janet from Flint Community College. Also visiting is his mother, Mrs. Irene McIntosh from Northville.

Doug Wilson, son of the Jack Wilsons is home from CMU for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and family of Portland, are expected home Dec. 28. Rev. Joe Robertson will baptize Kristy Robertson, young daughter of the John Robertsons on Dec. 29 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kraus and sons Tommy and Richard will also be home for the weekend. This will be the first time in about four years that the Robertsons have all been home at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Myers of Star Route left Friday for Pontiac to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James VanSoyoc. They planned to leave the day after for Daytona Beach, Fla. where they will spend the winter months.

## Samaritan

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Don Frick is to create jobs for the people of the area.

Due to the fact that more than 40 jobs have already been created for people of the area, help to operate the kitchen and dining room of the new lodge was hard to find and no trained experienced help was available. President and general manager Lewis Stillwagon, decided to try training high school students in the area since the whole operation at Bear Mountain is primarily geared to a family type recreation area catering to youth. All this was explained to Don Frick as he talked to Bob Spears and Lewis Stillwagon.

Consequently, approximately 20 local junior and senior high school students, who had never worked in a dining room or kitchen before, had to be trained and ready for the public opening of the new lodge in two days. The local management was doing the best they could. However, this suddenly became a job of unsurmountable proportions and problems.

Being the type of person Don Frick is, he quickly rolled up his sleeves, called on his past professional experience and took over the training sessions of these youngsters when it was sorely needed.

To make a long story shorter — When the doors of the new Polyhedron Lodge opened, just two days later, Don had accomplished a miracle. Through his efforts these 16 and 17 year old high school students, very nervous and with few mistakes, had mastered the techniques of their duties.

At the time, even though Don Frick could justify his actions as doing a public relations job for his company, he was concerned about his regular assignments, that of contacting large industrial manufacturing concerns which in his opinion were probably more important to his company than helping a small community meet a crisis with a kitchen and dining room training program. Incidentally, Mrs. Frick had accompanied her husband on this particular trip and the second day of training sessions was the Fricks' 20th wedding anniversary. They also were the first to register for lodging at the new Polyhedron Lodge.

It should be pointed out that this has somewhat been the story of many projects at Bear Mountain since its area redevelopment inception during 1964. Time and time again, portions of their operations have been in such trouble when along comes a Donald G. Frick.

The people of Grayling are grateful to Don Frick who took time out from his busy schedule to help a small community in a very badly needed way. With employees like this it's no wonder DuBois Chemicals, Division of W. R. Grace & Company, is so successful.

At Christmas time they say it's the spirit of giving that really counts. It must have been the true spirit of Christmas that moved Don Frick to meet the challenge of playing the role of The Good Samaritan.

## Northern Michigan Weather Forecasting

TEMPERATURE PRECIPITATION



Weekly Weather Report by Chris Gentry  
Monday, December 23 — Friday, December 27

The pre-Christmas heavy snow will taper off to moderate snow Monday after receiving several inches. It will be very cold Monday.

day, highs will be around 15. Tuesday will be extremely cold under cloudy skies with snow squalls. Santa Claus will have a cold nose Tuesday night, as temperatures will be below zero. Tuesday's high won't get above 10. Partly to mostly cloudy skies with snowflurries will prevail Christmas day, showing every sign of the winter season. The highs will only be in the lower teens. Thursday will be fair and not as cold, highs in the upper teens. Cloudiness will increase once again Friday, with a chance of snow by evening. It will be warmer, highs in the mid-20's. Taking a far-ahead look at the weekend shows Saturday will be mild with snow, turning colder Sunday.

Temperatures Monday through Friday will average 8 to 12 degrees below the normal high of 22 and normal low of 10.

Precipitation will total about one-fourth inch which will fall as 2 to 4 inches of snow.

Last week's average high—28, average low—5, which is 4 degrees below last week's normal high of 25 and normal of 12.

We received 0.64 inch of precipitation, which included 5 1/2 inches of snow.

Grayling may be headed for a near-record snowfall this year as we have received 63.7 inches of snow this season.

NMWF wishes everyone a safe and merry Christmas.

## Obituaries

### William H. Davis, 68, of Frederic Succumbs

William H. Davis, 68, owner and proprietor of the Davis Grocery in Frederic, passed away Dec. 16 at the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw after a long illness. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Friday afternoon, with the Veterans Hospital Chaplain, J. F. Williams, officiating. Burial was in the Frederic Cemetery.

He came to this area in 1933 to serve as sergeant of the Pigeon River Conservation Camp until it was closed down in 1941. He thereafter operated the boarding home for the aged in Gaylord until purchasing the store in Frederic and moving there December 15, 1952.

William Davis was born Nov. 30, 1900 in Argo City, Ky. He was a member of the Gaylord Eagles Lodge, the Clyde Wilke VFW Post in Gaylord, and was a World War I veteran.

Serving as pallbearers were Allen Leng, Gene Kaiser, Gene Harmer, Larry Baynham, Claude Dipzinski and Leonard Dipzinski.

Surviving are his widow, Cecelia, a son, William Jr., stationed at Grissom AFB in Indiana, one daughter, Mrs. Patricia Ann Sajdak of Frederic, and three grandchildren.

## TOPS Notice

A number of TOPS members cannot continue because they are working Thursday evenings or are tied up in some other way. If there is enough interest in a morning meeting of the group, a Wednesday session from 9 to 11 a.m. will be formed.

Everyone, whether a TOPS member or not, if interested to form a Wednesday morning instead of Thursday evening group come to Ausagra Acres Community room at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 and a Wednesday morning club will be formed. TOPS means take off pounds sensibly. Everyone who realizes they need to lose weight is welcome to join.

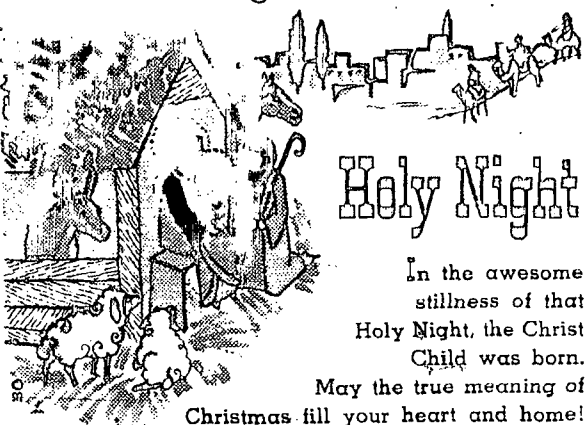
## BOWLING

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Dec. 17, 1968

1 Jarmin Ins.	42
2 Clair's Standard	31
3 Legion Lanes	30
4 Grayling Power Equip.	28
5 American Legion	27 1/2
6 Miliken Const.	27
7 Clark Super	26 1/2
8 Jim's Const.	26
9 Baringer's	24 1/2
10 Al & Jessie's	24
11 Post Oil Co.	23
12 Uncle Al	22
13 Side Pocket	19 1/2
14 Zephyr	19

High series D. Canfield 616, L. Davis 593, G. Sawyer 584.  
High game: D. Canfield 224, D. Canfield and B. San Cartier 223, E. Griffith 221.

## Silent Night



In the awesome stillness of that Holy Night, the Christ Child was born. May the true meaning of Christmas fill your heart and home!

**Sorenson Funeral Home**



## Merry Christmas

It's here again... the season to be jolly... the season of warm enjoyment shared with friends and loved ones. And a wonderful time for us to express our thanks for your loyalty and consideration. Merry Christmas!

**Grayling Mercantile Company**

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may save a friend's life during this holiday season.

If you are planning to be a holiday host, remember that alcohol has been the cause of more than 50 percent of all Christmas-New Year's holiday accidents.

That's why Automobile Club of Michigan cautions you to be "First a Friend—Then a Host" by not over-serving alcoholic beverages at your holiday get-togethers.

To make it easier for

you to cut off the drinks at an appropriate time, all Auto Club offices are offering you FREE plastic bottle sleeves that you can use to cover your liquor supply. The reverse side of the bottle sleeve offers worthwhile tips on drinking and driving and on being a good—and safe—host.

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Wishing you a happy and safe holiday

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